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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1917.

Boston, February 1, 1917.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

Dear Sir,— In compliance with the Revised Ordinances the Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners herewith presents the annual report for the year 1916–17.

John H. Dillon, *Chairman.*
Thomas F. Galvin.
Robert S. Peabody.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

To John H. Dillon, Thomas F. Galvin and Robert S. Peabody, *Commissioners:*

Gentlemen,— I herewith submit a report of the work performed in the department under the direction of your Board during the year 1916.

The new golf greens at Franklin Park, laid out and seeded during the previous year, were placed in condition for use in the middle of the summer and the remodeled course is quite satisfactory to golfers.

There has been some mortality among the older trees in Long Crouch Woods and from thirty to forty oaks from 12 to 15 inches in diameter had to be removed. The same is true of the trees at Pine Bank, Olmsted Park, where many old ash trees were taken out, as they were completely ruined by borers. The destruction caused by insect pests has been particularly noted among the American elms all over the city.

In the plantations the crowding of young, vigorous trees is so great that there is great danger of losing much of the good results from the very excellent planting of the past twenty years. Many of the trees have now reached the dignity of forest growth and must have room to expand further. At Franklin Park a number of these, approximately three or four hundred, have been marked and removed but there remains a great area yet untouched.

The planting of Ronan Park was performed last autumn and not quite finished when the winter set in.

Road Repairs. Early in the season the surface of some of the parkways and boulevards was in very rough condition and the long wet spring and early summer prevented repairs being made; however, before the winter closed in, the surface on all the main drives was in very good condition for travel, and work had been started on the side drives of Commonwealth avenue, Brighton. The usual treatment of tar and broken stone or of Tarvia and sand was used with good results. A bitulithic pavement was put down on Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Beacon street, with the

exception of that portion between Massachusetts avenue and Charlesgate West, and this permanent surface on the most traveled portion of our roadways will relieve our repair force of much responsibility and their time can be given to other needed road work.

Playground work during the past year was carried on in the usual way, this department working in conjunction with the School Department. The school instructors took charge of the general activities of the boys and the very young children in the play corner.

Moth destruction was pursued as usual by winter work and spraying. These last mentioned topics have been fully touched upon by assistants in charge of the various departments and need no repetition.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Shea,
Deputy Commissioner.

REPORT OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF BATHS.

To John H. Dillon, Thomas F. Galvin and Robert S. Peabody, *Commissioners:*

Gentlemen,— I beg to submit herewith my annual report of the activities and improvements accomplished in the recreation division of this department for the year 1916–17.

The recreation division of this department, by the number and varieties of its activities, continues to enlist the patronage of the community for the twelve calendar months of the year. Indoor and outdoor recreation was indulged in by all sexes and ages throughout our city. The department thereby furnishes an ideal recreation system for the proper indulgence in one's particular branch of sport which can be had in any month of the year.

The bath division of the department had its usual busy and successful year, and the succeeding years prove that Boston is exceptionally favored in beach area which provides unexcelled facilities for the bathing of its public during the summer season.

Curtis Hall Building in Jamaica Plain is one whose character and facilities are recognized throughout the country as an ideal indoor recreation building, and its popularity is perhaps more widespread than any other building in the department. Its patronage is on an ever increasing large plane.

Cabot Street Building.— During the year extensive improvements have been made in the swimming pool whereby the leaks which were giving considerable trouble for several years past have been eradicated by placing a layer of cement 3 inches thick under the bottom of the pool and otherwise strengthening the same; no leaks are now in evidence. The shower facilities in this building have been improved.

Tyler Street Building.— Approximately eight hundred (800) children from the local schools bathe here each week in classes, in addition to the regular volume of patronage which frequents this house from the adjoin-

ing district. The building is situated in a section where added patronage can be looked for each year, and the cosmopolitan character of the people furnishes excellent ground for educating them to the advantages of public baths and gymnasium work. Their appreciation is already shown to a great extent.

D Street Gymnasium.— The isolated location of this gymnasium has been a barrier to its full development, especially since the opening of the new Broadway building. However, its classes have been uniformly good, although the general bathing patronage has been less. This building requires a new and more commodious bathroom with new showers and equipment.

Dover Street Bath.— The shower system has been overhauled several times, but in order to put it in good condition it will require new valves as the nineteen years of service which these valves have given will not allow them to be further repaired. New cold water piping was installed last summer. The ceilings of the shower rooms and the side walls were whitened, and the machinery in the laundry was placed in thoroughly good repair last fall by installing new shafting and other parts where required. A new set tub for cleaning trunks was also installed; the new dryer, which was placed in operation last June, gave good service during the summer months.

Ward 6 Building, Plympton Street.— The walls of the Ward 6 gymnasium were plastered in places and the ceilings and walls were painted. The shower and locker rooms were also placed in good condition by several applications of paint. The building is now in good condition.

Broadway Building.— The two bathrooms provided in this building have been unusually well patronized, even for this section of the city. Thousands have recourse to the showers here in both the men's and women's departments and a large foreign element from the adjoining business sections have recourse to the showers in large numbers at least twice a week.

North Bennet Street Bath.— This building is still a popular resort for all classes who reside in the North End of the city. Last year several repairs were made on the shower system; the doors on the lockers were repaired in the men's shower room; several minor repairs were made on the piping on the boilers of this building, and the walls and ceilings painted throughout.

East Boston Gymnasium, Paris Street.— Extensive improvements were made on the East Boston gymnasium and shower rooms during the past year. The gymnasium floor was entirely relaid and placed in a practically level and sound condition. The basket-ball court, which gave considerable trouble owing to its plastered ceilings, was considerably improved by installing sheathing on the back and side walls and it now furnishes an excellent and most satisfactory handball and squash-ball court. A new catch-basin was installed at the end of the showers on the main floor to provide a receptacle for the excess overflow of the shower beds and a siphon now empties it at regular intervals.

Ward 12 Building, Vine Street.— Since the opening of this building an ever increasing volume of patrons has been in evidence weekly. The gymnasium and shower rooms have grown tremendously in popularity and the volume of business indicates the widespread appreciation of the advantages given by this department in this district.

Columbia Road Gymnasium, Dorchester.— Despite the exceedingly large numbers that have attended the Columbia Road gymnasia, showers and swimming pool in previous years, this building still continues to maintain its popularity without any diminution in numbers. It caters to an exceedingly large area and its patrons to a great extent are members who have frequented this building since its opening. Repairs were made on the gymnasium apparatus and running track this past year, and the locks on the lockers were placed in good condition.

Tenean Beach in Neponset is one of the most popular beaches in the city, as the class of patronage it demands is of a varied nature. The buildings here have outlived their usefulness long since and larger and far more commodious quarters should be provided for the people at this beach.

Freeport Beach is well attended despite the rather inadequate facilities of the place. New sand should be placed on the beach this coming summer.

Savin Hill.— The Savin Hill bath house and beach is a most popular resort throughout the summer months, as the patrons may use the playground and then enjoy a dip in the cooling waters of the bay. These buildings here, too, are far inadequate to meet the demand made upon them and we hope to see more pretentious and commodious quarters provided, which will serve both

as a field house and bath house in the summer time and winter, and thereby provide an all-year-round center.

McKenzie Beach.— Despite the rather uninviting surroundings of McKenzie Beach it has continued to attract many thousands to its cooling waters during the summer season. Its recent demolishment has become necessary owing to the extensive improvements which are being made along the Strandway, and the filling in, which has rendered its waters unfit to bathe in.

L Street Bath, as ever, attracts thousands to its pleasant facilities all through the year. This past year has proven no exception and both the men's and women's departments have been just as popular as in years past. It would be advisable, as soon as possible, to change over some of the present locker rooms in the women's department to lockers, thereby providing additional facilities at a rate of about six to one. The handball court here is used continuously throughout the year by the summer bathers and brownies alike, and, if possible, another handball court should be made at the further end of the beach.

North End Park.— The extensive improvements which have been made here during the past season, both in the playground and on the beach, will make this popular resort even more attractive to this densely settled district. The new cement sea wall has been an improvement long desirable and will add much to make this beach more attractive to its patrons who use it daily. The improvement which is now contemplated in the locker sections of both the men's and women's departments will be an added cause for further enjoyment and increased patronage this coming year.

Dewey Beach in Charlestown is an inland beach which is exceedingly popular. The building which was completed here two years ago has already outgrown its accommodations. It would be advisable this coming year, if possible, to construct a separate locker room for the boys on the men's side above the present lockers and similar to the locker rooms existing for the girls in the women's department. The beach here requires constant attention as the adjoining factories and wharves furnish much floating débris which collects on the beach. New sand should be provided here next year.

Wood Island Park.— The beach here is another resort situated in an ideal recreation center — combining playground, gymnasium and beach activities. The accom-

modations provided in the bath house, which was completed here two years ago, are far inadequate and, if possible, new wings should be built onto the present building to provide facilities more nearly in keeping with the demand. The improvements which are going on in the adjoining waters, under the supervision of the Commission on Waterways and Public Lands, have in a measure hindered the full enjoyment of the beach owing to the murky condition of the waters at times. It is hoped that this year will see an improvement. The beach here should receive an allotment of 500 tons of sand this coming year.

I would again recommend that whenever possible swimming pools should be made a part of every municipal building erected in Boston. They are just as necessary an adjunct of every municipal improvement as the school and gymnasium. By these improvements children could learn to swim in any month of the year, rather than have their effort confined to the short period of the open summer season.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh C. McGrath,
General Superintendent of Baths.

REPORT OF PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

To JOHN H. DILLON, THOMAS F. GALVIN AND ROBERT S. PEABODY, *Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN,— I herewith submit a report of the work and activities carried on under my supervision for the year ending January 31, 1917.

We have ten gymnasia and three swimming pools (all of which, with one exception, are quartered in modern buildings) and I can best convey the character and aspect of the activities conducted within these units of public service by reporting on each gymnasium and pool respectively.

PARIS STREET GYMNASIUM.

This gymnasium, now in its twentieth year, was the first free public gymnasium in this country. It opened its doors March 4, 1897, under the control of the Park Department.

At that time it was an old building, poorly equipped, and had been in use as a gymnasium by the East Boston Athletic Association.

Mrs. Leonard Ahl, a Back Bay woman deeply interested in physical education, had presented the land and building and equipment to this local organization with the provision that the upkeep was to be maintained by them.

This they found themselves unable to do after a time, and when, at someone's instigation, the whole proposition was offered to the City of Boston, the offer and responsibility were promptly accepted.

It was a tremendous success from the beginning, and has continued so up to the present time.

In 1910 the old building was razed, and a new, modern building erected, and at present this new structure is nearer the ideal for a gymnasium and bath house than any building now controlled by this department.

It has excellent equipment, more shower baths, the largest floor space, and the largest and best running track of any of our gymnasia, and from the viewpoint of efficiency and economy ranks first.

All of the classes are very well attended, and it is one of the three largest in that respect.

North Bennet Street Gymnasium.

The adult classes at this gymnasium are fairly large; those for school boys and girls are very large.

A new field of operation for municipal gymnastics was entered upon at this gymnasium during this year when a class of defective boys, numbering about one hundred, received special instruction along lines best adapted and suited to their mental and physical condition and needs.

These boys were from the defective classes in the schools of the district, and their teachers report that their general condition, and particularly their mental condition, has been much improved by the experiment. The teachers are most enthusiastic over the results, which cannot be further dwelt upon until the work is in operation longer.

Other local, social and civic centers in this district have been served in the gymnasium from time to time during the year in various ways.

Charlestown.

At this gymnasium, which is new, comparatively, and where conditions are generally very satisfactory, the classes, while not so tremendously large as at some other new gymnasia, are very regularly and satisfactorily attended by the same people, and the general average is good and made up of a good, solid constituency.

This gymnasium serves a very large area, and is a long way from any other, and consequently its attendants are not of the transient type.

South Boston.

The D Street Gymnasium, like Charlestown, serves a very large district, and the classes are generally well attended.

It is a splendid gymnasium, with light and air on four sides, and large floor space; but it is very poorly located, because it is so far from the main thoroughfare.

A striking feature here is the large attendance at the boys' and girls' classes, for, when one considers the long distance which has to be traversed from their homes and schools to this isolated building, the results which

would accrue if the gymnasium were more accessible to the main street are easy to conjure, and in the opinion of the writer of this report a main thoroughfare is the ideal location for a municipal gymnasium and public baths.

TYLER STREET.

The attendance here is only fair, largely because of the nationality of the people of this section. They are mostly Greek and Armenian, and their response to the advantages we offer is not warm, because gymnastics is an almost unknown idea to them and because there is so little free time in their lives for recreation even of the most elemental type.

The building, though modern, is poorly equipped, both as to gymnastic apparatus, arrangement of lockers and other facilities for accommodating large numbers.

HARRISON AVENUE.

This is one of the oldest gymnasia in the department and the only one now housed in an old building. The structure was formerly a church.

The accommodations in the locker and bath rooms are so very different from those in the modern buildings on Tyler street and Vine street, both not far away, that many of the residents of the immediate district, who formerly attended this gymnasium, have transferred their allegiance to the newer and more attractive.

The facilities for women, both for bathing and dressing, are almost impossible, and it has had a direct influence on the falling off of this portion of the class work and attendance.

The children's classes still remain good.

CABOT STREET GYMNASIUM.

The attendance is generally fair here at all classes and is better than it has been for three years.

The apparatus and general equipment is in excellent condition.

CABOT STREET SWIMMING POOL.

This is an excellent pool, has recently been put in first-class condition and is now perfectly tight.

The attendance is very small and I believe the location of the building to be partly responsible for this. It is a considerable distance from the car line, and in the heart

of a poor district, and the small nominal fee which is charged to help defray the large financial upkeep of this pool seems to be an added reason for the light attendance.

Curtis Hall Gymnasium.

This gymnasium is perfectly located on the car line in a fine residential district and the building has a glass roof and light and air on four sides.

There is a fine running track and immense floor space; the equipment is first class and the accommodations in the locker and shower rooms are of the best.

All the classes are very well attended and with the possible exception of Columbia Road it stands first in rank in this respect.

Curtis Hall Swimming Pool.

One of the finest pools in the state is located in this building and it has a splendid and ever increasing attendance as a tribute to this fact.

More women and girls attend this pool than either of the other two pools conducted by this department and this is due to the excellent accommodations in the dressing rooms.

Vine Street.

This gymnasium is the latest acquisition to our chain (now nearly covering every section) and has the desired location on a car line in a residential community.

It is perfectly lighted and ventilated, has immense floor space, a fine track and all modern equipment.

There is an excellent attendance at all the classes and it only needs time to bring it to the front ranks.

Columbia Road Gymnasium.

A rival for first place with Curtis Hall, located on a boulevard and car line and in an exceptional community, this gymnasium has never waned in its popularity since it was opened.

During its thirteen years of existence the attendance at many of the classes, for the major portion of the season, has been limited only by the floor space and at times an extra room (built for a handball court) adjoining the gymnasium has been pressed into service to accommodate the overflow, and a second class with another instructor and pianist was conducted simultaneously.

While the equipment is in fairly good condition it is beginning to show evidences of its thirteen strenuous years of service.

COLUMBIA ROAD SWIMMING POOL.

The pool in this building while small and inadequate is still very popular and well attended, especially by women, boys and girls. It does not appeal to men very strongly because of its size and the shallow depth of water.

It is in good condition and the accommodations are fairly good.

The total attendance for the present year is almost double that of either of the three preceding years, the most marked improvement being in the schoolgirls' and ladies' evening classes. This, I believe to be due in great measure to the fact that music is again lending its aid to the gymnasium class work. It is an indispenable aid, a necessity as well as a desirability, and the response which has followed its re-establishment is a testimonial to its real factorship in this line of gymnastic activity.

The usual work in preparing applicants for civil service examinations is being carried on as in former years.

In conclusion, I would say that general conditions — attendance, equipment and apparatus — are in satisfactory condition and that I am indebted to the instructors in charge of the various gymnasia and swimming pools for their hearty coöperation and good work.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. WALSH,
Physical Director.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREET TREES AND MOTH WORK.

To John H. Dillon, Thomas F. Galvin and Robert S. Peabody, *Commissioners:*

Gentlemen,— Herewith I beg to present a report of the street tree and moth suppression work performed under my supervision during the fiscal year ending January 31, 1917; also recommendations for future work and required improvements.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the street trees, having received more than the usual amount of care and attention, are in a better condition at the present time than has been evident for years, although still in an unsatisfactory state because of adverse city conditions increasing and the prevalence of noxious insects.

We have over 22,000 shade trees in the public streets, of which number 5,500 are young trees, principally European lindens, English elms, pin oaks and Oriental planes, and their upkeep is an important item.

In the course of the general maintenance work 187 trees, chiefly elms, were removed, dead from ravages of the leopard borer and elm-bark beetle, pests which cannot be otherwise subdued without a prohibitive expenditure of money. All the young trees were pruned in the winter and early spring and are now in excellent condition. One thousand four hundred and eighty-four other trees in all sections of the city were also trimmed.

Have undertaken to trim the trees in all the principal streets and by the end of next year this task will be completed.

Along the Strandway in South Boston, upon direct order from Chairman Dillon, Ginkgo trees have been planted and are doing exceptionally well; they do not seem to experience any ill effects from proximity to the salt water.

The planting of shade trees in our public streets should be regarded as one of our most essential civic duties and continued as far as possible every year. In this connection I would cordially recommend that Columbus avenue and Hyde Park avenue be thus adorned without

delay. We have received numerous requests and petitions for tree plantations on both avenues, but special funds must be supplied for the purpose as it is impossible to do new work under the ordinary maintenance appropriation.

Tree guards throughout the department should be largely replenished. I would recommend electrically welded wire guards, although more costly, as I am satisfied that the extra protection to the trees which they will afford and the greater durability of the material of which they are made will more than compensate for the additional expense.

The gypsy and brown-tail moth suppression work, public and private, has been very successful. During the past year we have covered the entire city on destruction and spray work, treating over 18,000 private estates, conserving our forces and means so prudently that we have succeeded in reducing the average assessment thereon from $2.34 in 1909 to 82 cents in 1916. All public trees in streets, parks, squares, public lands and city yards received due attention and are free from these pests, but, unfortunately, are not so lucky as far as other pernicious moths are concerned.

Brown-tail infestation has been practically eliminated throughout the city and weather conditions probably assisted us materially in this respect for the past two years.

Gypsy infestation is considerably lessened in some sections, notably in Roxbury, South Boston, Charlestown and East Boston, where it is almost wiped out.

Dorchester at the present time is in fine condition.

Infestation in the Hyde Park district is about 50 per cent less than when annexed to Boston, although still bad in some places.

The West Roxbury woodland section is in good condition as compared with the state it was in three years ago.

Brighton, especially the Aberdeen section, is in very good condition.

By persistently creosoting the gypsy and removing the brown-tail nests for a few more years it is hoped that we may be able to discontinue the destruction or winter work, which is very disagreeable and costly.

Am pleased to record the fact that the elm-leaf beetle is under control; no elm trees in the city have been defoliated for the past two years.

Ravages of the leopard borer and elm-bark beetle are of sufficient extent to cause much anxiety, as it is almost impossible to control them even at great expense. According to their habit they work interiorly, thoroughly and so insidiously that the substance or life-giving sap of the tree has been interrupted destructively before their presence has been detected. Exterior indications are so slight as not to be observed by a casual examination. All we can do effectively is to watch and protect the young trees assiduously.

The Oriental moth caused some damage in the Dorchester district during the past summer, but the section has been inspected and shall be thoroughly sprayed for same this season.

As for the white pine blister disease, which is causing more or less anxiety throughout the country, Boston has not yet been visited to my knowledge. In the months of September and October I looked all over the city very carefully and failed to discover any signs of it. The city is to be congratulated on this fact as the effects of this disease are so injurious that it would be necessary to destroy every infested white pine tree, currant and gooseberry bush in order to stop its spread.

In closing, I desire to extend my thanks to Professor Rane, State Forester, for his valuable assistance, advice and unfailing courtesy at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Long,
Superintendent Street Trees and Moth Work.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN AND AQUARIUM.

To JOHN H. DILLON, THOMAS F. GALVIN AND ROBERT S. PEABODY, *Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN,— I herewith submit the following report for the Zoological Garden for the year ending February 1, 1917.

The past year has been a busy one, and many changes were made in different parts of the garden, which will be of much benefit to the birds and animals.

ELK RANGE.

A new house was erected for the elk, floors laid in all the other houses and loam spread so that now the range is in fairly good condition.

TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

This house has been given a general overhauling, new cages have been built, all the cages raised from the floor, telephone and electric lights installed and new signs placed over cages.

POND AND FLYING CAGE.

Here many changes have been made which add to the beauty of the place; sprays have been installed, which are running all the time, keeping the water fresh and clean; during the winter evergreen trees were placed in the flying cage for the protection of the birds.

This winter the Overlook Building was used as in former years for housing the warm climate birds.

BIRD HOUSE.

Most of this house was painted, frames on some of the cages made stronger, and changes made in the heating and lighting system.

ELEPHANT HOUSE.

The elephants are in fine condition, and judging from the attendance at the performances held on Wednesday and Saturday of each week they are just as popular.

Bear Dens.

Conditions are all that could be desired, the dens have recently been painted and new shutters installed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony W. McNealy,
Curator.

Mr. John H. Dillon,
Chairman Park and Recreation Commission:

Dear Sir,— I herewith submit the following report for the Aquarium, year ending February 1, 1917.

The past year was a most successful one, the death rate being the lowest in the history of the house. The attendance for the year reached the million mark, 1,019,909 people visiting the Aquarium, coming from all parts of the country and Canada.

Several changes were made during the year, the most important being the resetting in cement of the glass in the salt water exhibition tanks, which will prevent rust forming that in the past has been a detriment to the fish, a new set of fire grates in number 2 boiler and new glass set in some of the exhibition tanks.

Very truly yours,

Anthony W. McNealy,
Curator.

MAINTENANCE STATISTICS.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ROADS.

Cost of Maintenance per Acre, 1907 to 1916, Inclusive.

	Area in Acres.	Cost per Acre.									
		1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Adams street	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2,896 00	$1,355 00	$2,488 00	$2,467 00
Algonquin square	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,919 00	1,468 00	3,338 00	3,052 00
Alvah Kittredge park	.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	987 00	452 00	750 00	724 00
Arborway	36.00	$363 00	$359 00	$224 00	$211 00	$214 00	$204 00	176 00	92 00	153 00	125 00
Arnold Arboretum	* 223.00	31 00	18 00	15 00	14 00	16 00	19 00	22 00	17 00	13 00	13 00
Ashmont Playground	2.20	422 00	332 00	341 00	805 00	948 00	105 00	970 00	774 00	715 00	967 00
Belmont square	.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	560 00	672 00	595 00	838 00
Berners square	1.30	.....	10 00	7 00	45 00	18 00	13 00	48 00	6 00	.....	39 00
Berwick park	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,574 00	150 00	1,333 00	1,559 00
Billings Field Playground	11.00	112 00	77 00	139 00	157 00	238 00	268 00	277 00	160 00	195 00	342 00
Blackstone square	2.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	398 00	475 00	335 00	677 00
Boston Common	48.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	643 00	661 00	524 00	559 00
Brighton square	.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	526 00	331 00	402 00	365 00
Bromley Park	.48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	441 00	124 00	470 00	590 00
Camp Meigs	2.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126 00	95 00	125 00	111 00
Carolina Avenue Playground †	3.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	299 00	314 00	580 00
Carruth square	.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,022 00	716 00	1,335 00	1,340 00
Cedar square	.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	407 00	288 00	274 00	440 00
Central square	.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	520 00	367 00	438 00	546 00

Centre square	.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	612 00	864 00	657 00	1,092 00
Charlesbank	10.00	1,161 00	1,479 00	1,485 00	1,453 00	1,623 00	1,574 00	1,636 00	1,072 00	1,116 00	1,156 00
Charlestown Heights	6.10	579 00	605 00	619 00	542 00	562 00	539 00	576 00	497 00	558 00	691 00
Charlestown Playground	14.00	110 00	109 00	159 00	230 00	218 00	286 00	498 00	220 00	209 00	215 00
Chestnut Hill Park	55.40	119 00	108 00	112 00	121 00	131 00	146 00	99 00	52 00	51 00	53 00
City Hall grounds	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,398 00	586 00	573 00	376 00
City square	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	890 00	588 00	1,229 00	1,939 00
Columbia road	31.20	276 00	173 00	217 00	256 00	234 00	204 00	213 00	152 00	160 00	409 00
Columbus Avenue Playground	5.00	333 00	394 00	306 00	664 00	836 00	1,622 00	1,156 00	713 00	574 00	687 00
Columbus square	.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	123 00	245 00	104 00	107 00
Commonwealth avenue‡	112.70	376 00	463 00	507 00	328 00	359 00	809 00	613 00	262 00	756 00	253 00
Commonwealth Avenue Playground	8.10	59 00	119 00	145 00	133 00	180 00	239 00	226 00	146 00	183 00	138 00
Concord square	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,607 00	1,691 00	1,849 00	1,057 00
Copley square§	.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99 00	1,976 00	311 00	738 00
Copp's Hill Terrace Playground	.60	1,498 00	1,250 00	990 00	1,210 00	1,067 00	1,312 00	919 00	122 00	206 00	273 00
Cottage Street Playground	3.80	337 00	313 00	534 00	655 00	535 00	538 00	770 00	433 00	452 00	566 00
Dorchester Park	26.00	67 00	79 00	58 00	82 00	100 00	169 00	122 00	41 00	28 00	39 00
Drohan square¶	.24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	531 00	339 00	312 00	522 00
Dummy Field Playground†	6.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 00	83 00	.....	.....	.....
Eaton square	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142 00	942 00	1,239 00	1,251 00
Elm Hill Park	.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,479 00	1,231 00	1,179 00	904 00
Essex square	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	172 00	1,300 00	2,105 00	2,746 00

* Of this area only the roads and walks (16.8 acres) are maintained by the city. † Unimproved. § Includes Trinity triangle.

‡ At the end of 1905, 82.7 acres were added by the placing of that portion of Commonwealth avenue west of Brookline avenue and extending to the Newton city line under the care of the Park Department. ¶ Leased playground; lease given up in 1914.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ROADS.— *Continued.*

	Area in Acres.	Cost per Acre.									
		1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Factory Hill Playground*	5.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$4 00	$8 00	.....	.....
Fellows Street Playground	.85	$1,184 00	$1,251 00	$259 00	$84 00	$476 00	$579 00	2,670 00	2,324 00	$2,695 00	$2,273 00
Fens	115.00	170 00	143 00	121 00	256 00	145 00	150 00	209 00	151 00	132 00	158 00
Fern square	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	236 00	1,268 00	994 00	1,376 00
First Street Playground	4.60	677 00	708 00	810 00	900 00	988 00	963 00	832 00	668 00	569 00	618 00
Florida street	.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	517 00	1,516 00	1,468 00	1,465 00
Forest Hills Playground	9.60	29 00	76 00	26 00	68 00	56 00	146 00	259 00	154 00	190 00	263 00
Fort Hill square	.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	953 00	900 00	743 00	997 00
Frances street	.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	819 00	1,426 00	1,087 00
Franklin Field	77.00	112 00	95 00	87 00	110 00	144 00	184 00	251 00	189 00	175 00	100 00
Franklin Park	527.00	139 00	114 00	136 00	129 00	121 00	137 00	148 00	107 00	89 00	107 00
Franklin square	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	484 00	484 00	348 00	640 00
Gibson Street Playground	5.80	261 00	279 00	280 00	258 00	302 00	403 00	610 00	431 00	402 00	412 00
Governor's Island	73.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	65 00	13 00	25	.....
Greenwood square	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,042 00	23,140 00	26,050 00	22,720 00
Harold square	.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,760 00	890 00	2,562 00	4,901 00
Hayes square	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	686 00	870 00	1,300 00	1,471 00

Heath square	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	365 00	216 00	731 00	815 00
Highland Park	2.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00	81 00	106 00	1,107 00
Horatio Harris square	2.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159 00	135 00	158 00	182 00
Independence square	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	203 00	168 00	128 00	232 00
Jackson square	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,897 00	1,756 00	1,110 00	884 00
John Winthrop Playground	1.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	667 00	327 00	481 00	561 00
Lincoln square	.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	898 00	605 00	1,091 00	1,157 00
Linwood Park	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	318 00	244 00	763 00	529 00
Longwood Park	.48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450 00	494 00	559 00	596 00
Madison Park	2.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	379 00	204 00	294 00	254 00
Magnolia street	.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	622 00	176 00	631 00	500 00
Marcella Street Playground	5.10	480 00	593 00	652 00	646 00	596 00	866 00	926 00	849 00	615 00	569 00
Marine Park†	52.50	231 00	227 00	223 00	234 00	200 00	222 00	247 00	147 00	592 00	490 00
Massachusetts avenue	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	530 00	599 00	467 00	643 00
Massachusetts Avenue Playground‡	3.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	363 00	134 00	.....	.....
Maverick square	.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	292 00	3,254 00	3,459 00	4,169 00
Meeting House Hill	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	375 00	274 00	271 00	296 00
Milton square	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,496 00	4,600 00	10,000 00	8,600 00
Mount Bowdoin	.58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	337 00	346 00	473 00	470 00
Mt. Ida Playground*	11.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 00	98 00	210 00	484 00

* Unimproved. † Includes maintenance of Castle Island shelter and piers. ‡ Leased playground; lease given up in 1914.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ROADS.— *Continued.*

	Area in Acres.	Cost per Acre.									
		1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Mystic Playground	2.30	$422 00	$630 00	$294 00	$544 00	$823 00	$959 00	$1,049 00	$1,183 00	$981 00	$911 00
Neponset Playground	18.00	77 00	87 00	67 00	75 00	72 00	97 00	74 00	54 00	60 00	63 00
Norfolk Street Playground	6.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	443 00	577 00	342 00
North Brighton Playground	14.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	395 00	458 00	194 00	156 00	214 00
Oak View terrace	2.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,162 00	383 00	920 00	762 00
Olmsted Park	180.00	166 00	137 00	143 00	148 00	137 00	235 00	137 00	89 00	77 00	78 00
Orchard Park	2.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	227 00	243 00	288 00	334 00
Orient Heights Playground	5.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108 00	182 00	138 00	214 00	156 00
Paris Street Playground	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00	84 00	1,464 00	110 00	117 00
Park square	.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145 00	597 00	504 00	410 00
Parker Hill Playground	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171 00	196 00	91 00	110 00	85 00
Parkinson Playground *	4.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 00	319 00	2 00	.....	.....
Peabody square	.045	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	852 00	567 00	1,173 00	1,452 00
Portsmouth Street Playground	4.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	122 00	100 00	148 00	55 00	51 00
Prince Street Playground	.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,808 00	4,817 00	9,030 00	4,393 00	4,846 00
Public Gardens	24.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	923 00	667 00	653 00	735 00
Prescott square	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	334 00	186 00	350 00	414 00
Putnam square	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	476 00	400 00	428 00	415 00

Randolph Street Playground	2.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,626 00	1,452 00	958 00	757 00	776 00
Richardson square	1.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	198 00	189 00	72 00	178 00
Riverway	40.00	460 00	322 00	536 00	349 00	769 00	290 00	260 00	199 00	201 00	158 00
Rogers Park Playground	6.90	246 00	132 00	228 00	286 00	309 00	216 00	310 00	157 00	208 00	126 00
Roslindale Playground	3.70	269 00	198 00	275 00	416 00	621 00	672 00	441 00	387 00	462 00	449 00
Rutherford Avenue Playground	1.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	71 00	235 00	2,238 00	1,890 00
Rutland square	.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	873 00	788 00	866 00	777 00
Savin Hill Park	8.30	.....	.....	.....	35 00	137 00	164 00	169 00	61 00	72 00	60 00
Savin Hill Playground	6.90	269 00	292 00	374 00	465 00	401 00	426 00	339 00	97 00	214 00	238 00
Seaver street	.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,031 00	1,040 00	1,658 00	1,191 00
Soldiers Monument lot	.135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	520 00	499 00	318 00	503 00
Sparhawk square	.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,542 00	1,162 00	696 00	1,406 00
Spaulding square	.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	385 00	236 00	378 00	414 00
St. Stephen square	.002	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,220 00	18,300 00	23,125 00	24,000 00
Strandway	74.30	177 00	151 00	136 00	119 00	134 00	173 00	147 00	126 00	215 00	113 00
Sullivan square	1.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	388 00	315 00	278 00	365 00
Thomas Park	4.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	387 00	233 00	213 00	172 00
Tremlett square	.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,005 00	982 00	1,418 00	1,141 00
Tyler Street Playground	.26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	158 00	752 00	356 00	.....
Union Park	.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,022 00	732 00	579 00	1,676 00
Vose square	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,130 00	3,900 00	10,000 00	10,200 00
Walnut Park	.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	990 00	643 00	1,107 00	947 00

* Leased playground; lease given up in 1914.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ROADS.— *Concluded.*

	Area in Acres.	Cost per Acre.									
		1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Waltham square	.07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1,544 00	$1,074 00	$802 00	$1,123 00
Warren square	.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,756 00	3,195 00	4,393 00	3,236 00
Washington Park	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	202 00	135 00	145 00	227 00
Ward 19 Playground	4.24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 00	88 00	52.00	393 00
Webster square	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,882 00	22,812 00	16,250 00	17,750 00
Wellesley Park	.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	755 00	432 00	596 00	662 00
West Fifth Street Playground	.41	.....	.....	.....	$588 00	$1,535 00	$3,883 00	1,499 00	2,789 00	4,798 00	3,956 00
West Roxbury Parkway	150.00	$21 00	$12 00	$20 00	48 00	46 00	23 00	21 00	8 00	6 00	1 00
West Third Street Playground	.28	.....	.....	.....	875 00	2,216 00	5,509 00	5,357 00	4,067 00	4,297 00	4,352 00
Williams square	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,649 00	4,300 00	10,000 00	12,090 00
William Eustis Playground	4.90	.....	.....	.....	209 00	620 00	795 00	941 00	512 00	409 00	405 00
Winthrop square	.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	975 00	587 00	383 00	507 00
Wolcott square	.005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,062 00	17,000 00	25,000 00	12,800 00
Wood Island Park	55.60	184 00	179 00	207 00	202 00	184 00	277 00	238 00	193 00	180 00	165 00
Worcester square	.37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	988 00	734 00	970 00	1,322 00
Average	16.366	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1,569 00

Maintenance of Roads.	Square Yards.	Cost per Square Yard.									
		1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Commonwealth avenue, Arlington street to Beacon street.	60,600	$0 218	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth avenue, Beacon street to Newton line.	203,700	083	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth avenue, Arlington street to Newton line.	264,300	122	$0 170	$0 189	$0 119	$0 127	$0 309	$0 173	$0 086	$0 301	$0 072
Fens, Riverway, Olmsted Park, Arborway, Columbia road and Marine Park.	372,800	120	083	089	101	139	086	068	054	048	0 049
Franklin Park and Arnold Arboretum.....	210,100	068	029	033	030	031	043	038	018	018	0 023
Average.....	847,200	$0 107	$0 097	$0 107	$0 089	$0 108	$0 145	$0 093	$0 053	$0 122	$0 048

The above table shows the cost of maintenance of roads for the last ten years, with the average cost per annum for the same period. This includes all labor, teaming and road repairs, including resurfacing, cleaning out of catch-basins, sweeping and oiling for the suppression of dust.

Location, Area and Equipment of Parks and Gardens, 1916-17.

Parks and Gardens.	Area.	Location.	Equipment.
Adams square	2,068 sq. ft. .048 acre	Junction of Adams and Granite streets.	
Adams street	700 sq. ft. .016 acre	Junction of Adams and Codman streets.	
Algonquin square	1,728 sq. ft. .04 acre	Algonquin and Bradlee streets.	
Alvah Kittredge Park	5,600 sq. ft. .129 acre	Highland street and Highland avenue.	
Arborway	36 acres	Prince street to Franklin Park.	
Arnold Arboretum	223 acres	South, Centre and Walter streets.	
Belmont square	.689 acre	Webster, Sumner, Lamson and Seaver streets.	
Berners square	57,200 sq. ft. 1.3 acres	Longwood avenue, Pilgrim road and Plymouth street.	
Berwick Park	3,800 sq. ft. .087 acre	Off Columbus avenue, near New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.	
Blackstone square	105,100 sq. ft. 2.41 acres	Washington, West Brookline, West Newton streets and Shawmut avenue.	
Boston Common	2,096,020 sq. ft. 48.4 acres	Park, Tremont, Boylston, Charles and Beacon streets.	Ball ground and children's corner. Skating during the winter.
Brighton square	25,035 sq. ft. .574 acre	Between Chestnut Hill avenue and Rockland street.	
Bromley park	20,975 sq. ft. .482 acre	From Albert street to Bickford street.	
Camp Meigs	124,500 sq. ft. 2.806 acres	Clifford, Stanley and Irving streets.	
Carruth square	750 sq. ft. .017 acre	South Conway, South Fairview and Robert streets.	
Cedar square	26,163 sq. ft. .601 acre	Cedar street, between Juniper and Thornton streets.	
Central square	40,310 sq. ft. .925 acre	Meridian and Border streets.	
Centre square	3,200 sq. ft. .074 acre	Centre and Perkins streets.	
Charlesbank	10 acres	Charles street, from Cambridge street to Leverett street.	Three and one half acres playground area. Outdoor gymnasia, basket ball, children's playground, skating, shower baths, floating baths and women's indoor gymnasium and boating.
Charlestown Heights	6.1 acres	Bunker Hill and Medford streets.	One acre children's playground.

Chestnut Hill Park (reservoir and adjacent lands, 160.65 acres).	55.4 acres	Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue, Brighton.	Four acres playground area. Three ball grounds and tennis. One Rugby football ground and one Soccer football ground.
City Hall Grounds	7,700 sq. ft. .177 acre	School street.	
City square	8,739 sq. ft. .201 acre	Head of Bow and Main streets.	
Columbia road	31.2 acres	Franklin Park to Marine Park.	
Public square	2,250 sq. ft. .0516 acre	Junction of Columbus and Warren avenues.	
Commonwealth avenue	112.7 acres	Arlington street to Newton line.	
Concord square	5,000 sq. ft. .115 acre	Between Tremont street and Columbus avenue.	
Copley square	28,399 sq. ft. .652 acre	Between Huntington avenue, Boylston and Dartmouth streets.	
Copp's Hill Terraces	.6 acre	Commercial and Charter streets	Mothers' and children's shelter.
Dorchester square	56,200 sq. ft. 1.29 acres	Between Church, Adams and Winter streets, Meeting House Hill.	
Dorchester Park	26 acres	Dorchester avenue and Richmond street	One acre playground area. One ball ground. One Soccer football ground, skating and children's corner.
Drohan square	10,241 sq. ft. .235 acre	Edison green, between Pond street and Dorchester avenue.	
Eaton square	13,280 sq. ft. .305 acre	Between Church, Adams and Bowdoin streets.	
Elm Hill Park	6,920 sq. ft. .159 acre	Off 550 Warren street, between Intervale and Gaston streets.	
Essex square	930 sq. ft. .021 acre	Between Essex and Lyndeboro' streets.	
Fens	115 acres	Beacon street to Brookline avenue	Five acres of playground area. Two ball grounds. One Soccer football ground and children's corner.
Fern square	1,900 sq. ft. .044 acre	Between Franklin and Fern streets.	
Florida street	24,193 sq. ft. .555 acre	Between King and Ashmont streets. (Seven inclosures.)	
Fort Hill square	29,480 sq. ft. .677 acre	High street, near Oliver street.	
Francis Street Circle	1,662 sq. ft. .038 acre	Junction Huntington avenue, Tremont and Francis streets.	
Franklin Park	527 acres	Seaver street to Morton street and Blue Hill avenue to Forest Hills street.	Thirty-six acres playground area. Twelve ball grounds. Four Soccer football grounds, tennis, golf, tobogganing, skating, shower baths, and Zoological Garden.

Location, Area and Equipment of Parks and Gardens, 1916-17.—*Continued.*

Parks and Gardens.	Area.	Location.	Equipment.
Franklin Square	105,205 sq. ft. 2.41 acres	Washington, East Brookline, East Newton and James streets.	
Governor's Island	73 acres	Boston Harbor	Camping sites.
Greenwood square	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Junction Thatcher street and Central avenue.	
Harold square	966 sq. ft. .022 acre	Abbotsford, Crawford and Harold streets.	
Hayes square	4,484 sq. ft. .103 acre	Bunker Hill, Vine and Moulton streets.	
Heath square	2,419 sq. ft. .056 acre	Old Heath, New Heath and Parker streets.	
Highland Park	158,421 sq. ft. 3.637 acres	Fort avenue.	
Horatio Harris Park	116,000 sq. ft. 2.663 acres	Walnut avenue, between Munroe and Townsend streets.	
Independence square	279,218 sq. ft. 6.41 acres	Broadway, Second, M and N streets.	
Jackson square	4,300 sq. ft. .099 acre	Chestnut Hill avenue, Union and Winship streets.	
Lincoln square	9,510 sq. ft. .218 acre	Emerson, Fourth and M streets.	
Linwood Park	3,625 sq. ft. .083 acre	Centre and Linwood streets.	
Longwood Park	21,000 sq. ft. .482 acre	Deaconess road, Brookline avenue, Pilgrim road, and Austin street.	
Madison Park	122,191 sq. ft. 2.805 acres	Sterling, Marble, Warwick and Westminster streets.	
Magnolia street	3,605 sq. ft. .083 acre	Junction Wayland, Bird and Magnolia streets.	
Marine Park and Castle Island (land, 78.2; flats, 83.2).	161.40 acres	Farragut road, City Point	Beach bathing, boating, Aquarium, tennis and swings.
Massachusetts avenue	106,500 sq. ft. 2.446 acres	Between Albany street and Columbus avenue (four sections).	
Maverick square	4,396 sq. ft. .101 acre	Summer and Maverick streets.	
Milton square	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Junction of Milton avenue and Highland street.	
Mt. Bowdoin green	25,170 sq. ft. .578 acre	Top of Mt. Bowdoin, Bowdoin avenue.	

Oak square	9,796 sq. ft. .22 acre	Washington and Faneuil streets.	
Oakview terrace	5,287 sq. ft. .121 acre	Off 426 Centre street.	
Olmsted Park (in Brookline, 18 acres)	180 acres	Huntington avenue and Brookline line to Prince street.	Three acres playground area. Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, boating, fishing and skating on Jamaica pond.
Orchard Park	104,492 sq. ft. 2.399 acres	Chadwick, Orchard Park and Yeoman streets	Children's wading pool and shelter.
Park square	2,867 sq. ft. .066 acre	Columbus avenue, Eliot and Pleasant streets.	
Peabody square	1,963½ sq. ft. .045 acre	Junction Dorchester avenue and Ashmont street.	
Prescott square	12,284 sq. ft. .282 acre	Trenton, Eagle and Prescott streets.	
Public Garden	1,056,300 sq. ft. 24.25 acres	Charles, Boylston, Arlington and Beacon streets.	Outdoor floral displays and boating during summer months, skating during the winter.
Putnam square	11,628 sq. ft. .267 acre	Putnam, White and Trenton streets.	
Richardson square	45,982 sq. ft. 1.056 acres	Between Pond and Cottage streets.	
Riverway (in Brookline, 16.5 acres)	40 acres	Brookline avenue and Brookline line to Huntington avenue.	
Rutland square	7,400 sq. ft. .17 acre	Between Tremont street and Columbus avenue.	
St. Stephen square	100 sq. ft. .002 acre	Corner St. Stephen and Batavia streets.	
Savin Hill Park	8.26 acres	Grampian way	Tennis.
Seaver street	2,500 sq ft. .057 acre	Seaver street and Blue Hill avenue.	
Soldiers Monument lot	5,870 sq. ft. .135 acre	South and Centre streets.	
Sparhawk square	7,449 sq. ft. .171 acre	Junction Cambridge, Brighton, Murdock and Sparhawk streets.	
Spaulding square	6,264 sq. ft. .143 acre	Junction Freeport street and Neponset avenue.	
Strandway	74.31 acres	Columbia road railroad bridge to Marine Park	Twenty-three and one half acres playground area. Five ball grounds. One Rugby and five Soccer football grounds, basket ball, tennis, skating, shower baths and children's corner. Beach bathing during summer at L Street and McKenzie Beaches.

Location, Area and Equipment of Parks and Gardens, 1916-17.—*Concluded.*

Parks and Gardens.	Area.	Location.	Equipment.
Sullivan square	56,428 sq. ft. 1.295 acres	Main, Cambridge, Sever and Gardner streets.	
Thomas Park (Telegraph Hill)	190,000 sq. ft. 4.362 acres	Thomas Park.	
Tremlett square	7,107 sq. ft. .163 acre	Tremlett street, between Hooper and Waldeck streets.	
Trinity Triangle	5,380 sq. ft. .123 acre	Between Huntington avenue, Trinity place and St. James avenue.	
Union Park	16,000 sq. ft. .367 acre	Between Tremont street and Shawmut avenue.	
Vose square	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Beacon street, Metropolitan and Vose avenues.	
Walnut Park	5,736 sq. ft. .132 acre	Between Washington street and Walnut Park.	
Waltham square	3,000 sq. ft. .069 acre	Harrison avenue, between Union Park and Waltham streets.	
Warren square	1,380 sq. ft. .032 acre	Warren street, St. James and Regent streets.	
Washington Park	396,125 sq. ft. 9.094 acres	Dale, Bainbridge and Paulding streets.	
Webster square	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Junction Webster street and Central avenue.	
Wellesley Park	28,971 sq. ft. .665 acre	Wellesley Park, between Melville avenue and Park street.	
West Roxbury Way	150 acres	Walter to Centre streets, Centre street to Washington street, Bellevue Hill.	
Williams square	700 sq. ft. .016 acre	Junction Williams avenue and Prospect street.	
Winthrop square	38,450 sq. ft. .883 acre	Winthrop, Common and Adams streets.	
Wolcott square	220 sq. ft. .005 acre	Hyde Park avenue, Milton and Prescott streets.	
Wood Island Park	55.6 acres	Neptune road, from Bennington street	Ten acres playground. Three ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds. Outdoor gymnasium, cricket, tennis, skating, shower baths and beach bathing.
Worcester square	16,000 sq. ft. .367 acre	Between Washington street and Harrison avenue.	
Storage grounds	74,279 sq. ft. 1.705 acres	Massachusetts avenue and Shirley street, adjoining location of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.	
Greenhouse and nursery grounds	102,531 sq. ft. 2.354 acres	Between Massachusetts avenue and East Cottage street, Dorchester.	
Public land	32,346 sq. ft. .74 acre	Corner Cambridge, Lincoln and Mansfield streets, Brighton.	

GENERAL EXHIBIT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAND AND CONSTRUCTION, 1916-17.

Object of Appropriations.	Balances from 1915-16.	Revenue Received during 1916-17.	Loans Issued in 1916-17.	Appropriation, 1916-17.	Transfers to.	Total Credits.	January 31, Draft.	Expenditures for 1916-17.	Balances Unexpended.	Loans Authorized but not Issued.
Public parks	$1,500 00					$1,500 00			$1,500 00	
Bath house, Orient Heights	5,000 00				$5,000 00			$5,000 00		
Bird house, Franklin Park		$189 89			21,050 90	21,240 79		21,240 79		
Boston Common, seats at bandstand	2,341 05					2,341 05			2,341 05	
Carolina Avenue Playground			$12,000 00			12,000 00	$691 05	8,332 07	3,667 93	
Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington street and Brookline avenue.		7,990 90		$47,000 00	17,000 00	71,990 90	2,435 36	70,495 42	1,495 48	
Convenience station, City square and at or near Park square.	12,084 37					12,084 37		8,856 49	3,227 88	
Fellows Street Playground, sanitary building	339 67					339 67			339 67	
Franklin Park golf links	519 91					519 91		91 50	428 41	
Franklin Park, greeting, etc					13,771 48	13,771 48			13,771 48	
Gymnasium, East Boston	4,868 79					4,868 79		1,763 50	3,105 29	
Highland Park, improvements	376 59					376 59			376 59	
Horticultural Building	1,333 01					1,333 01			1,333 01	
North End Park and Pier			25,000 00			25,000 00	1,823 20	14,362 44	10,637 56	
Orchard Park, improvements	10,829 67					10,829 67			10,829 67	
Park, Dorchester Centre										$20,000 00
Park and playground, Allston			82,750 00			82,750 00		55,076 50	27,673 50	
Playground accommodations, Ward 19	176,073 57					176,073 57	6,574 92	158,763 82	17,309 75	
Playground, Hyde Park	24,950 00					24,950 00		8,769 94	16,180 06	
Playground, Mattapan										25,000 00
Playground, Parker Hill			25,000 00			25,000 00			25,000 00	
Public Park, North End										200,000 00
Ronan Park	79,864 82					79,864 82	6,444 60	65,410 08	14,454 74	
Savin Hill Playground and Beach			149,000 00			149,000 00	9,642 48	10,277 75	138,722 25	
Strandway and Old Harbor, improvement			599,000 00			599,000 00	2,469 57	5,124 42	593,875 58	
Totals	$320,081 45	$8,180 79	$892,750 00	$47,000 00	$51,822 38	$1,319,834 62	$30,081 18	$428,564 72	$891,269 90	$245,000 00

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF LAND AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1916, TO JANUARY 31, 1917.

	Land.	Filling and Grading and Concrete.	Grounds.	Buildings.	Bitulithic Pavements.	Expert Service.	Fence.	Totals.
Bird house, Franklin Park				$21,240 79				$21,240 79
Carolina Avenue Playground		$8,314 07				$18 00		8,332 07
Commonwealth avenue, between Arlington street and Brookline avenue.					$70,450 42	45 00		70,495 42
Convenience station, City square and at or near Park square.				8,735 38		121 11		8,856 49
Franklin Park, golf links			$91 50					91 50
Gymnasium, East Boston				1,759 00		4 50		1,763 50
North End Park and Pier		14,350 44				12 00		14,362 44
Park and Playground, Allston	$54,550 00					526 50		55,076 50
Playground accommodations, Ward 19	120,082 82	28,385 56		9,095 00		1,200 44		158,763 82
Playground, Hyde Park		87,69 94						8,769 94
Ronan Park	51,218 54			11,187 87		364 05	$2,639 62	65,410 08
Savin Hill Playground and Beach		10,162 28				116 47		10,277 75
Strandway and Old Harbor, improvement		5,124 42						5,124 42
	$225,851 36	$75,106 71	$91 50	$52,018 04	$70,450 42	$2,407 07	$2,639 62	$428,564 72

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF MAINTENANCE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1916, TO JANUARY 31, 1917.

Parks and Gardens	Grounds	Walks	Roads	Buildings and Animal Ranges	Bridges and Piers	Construction and Improvements: Grading, Loam and Plantations	Drainage, and Water Supply	Walls, Fences, Walks and Seats	Buildings	Animals, Birds, Fish, Etc.	Sports	Men's Gymnasium	Women and Children's Gymnasium	General Labor and Materials	Rental	Totals
Adams street	$49 35															$49 35
Algonquin square	122 10															122 10
Alvah Kittredge Park	94 10															94 10
Arborway	1,522 77	$163 25	$2,836 78				$7 00									4,469 80
* Arnold Arboretum	657 51	92 50	1,621 66	$601 25												2,973 25
* Aquarium	3,033 63	669 73		17,734 82		$2,776 39				$2,279 45				$885 17		27,679 21
* Belmont square	586 50															586 50
* Berners square	51 50															51 50
* Berwick Park	124 75															124 75
* Blackstone square	1,123 21	502 09														1,625 30
* Boston Common	12,359 61	5,977 01		7,651 74					$308 21					758 86		27,055 43
* Brighton square	218 75															218 75
* Bromley Park	283 45															283 45
Camp Meigs	311 00															311 00
Carruth square	67 00															67 00
* Cedar square	264 35															264 35
* Central square	491 67															491 67
* Cuatro street	76 50															76 50
* Charlesbank	2,260 35	1,235 00									$92 00	$3,939 30	$4,036 43			11,563 68
Charlestown Heights	1,319 90	622 54		1,387 14		14 29		$847 00			25 25					4,216 12
Chestnut Hill Park	2,428 89	157 50	267 72	22 50							71 50					2,958 11
* City Hall Grounds	75 26															75 26
* City square	387 93															387 93
Columbia road	562 72	337 87	2,595 89					9,268 95								12,765 43
Columbus square	65 50															65 50
Commonwealth Avenue, Main	2,924 84	715 94	9,389 93	152 23												13,182 94
Commonwealth Avenue Extension	2,909 74	212 52	10,530 12	65 64					1,597 00							15,315 02
* Concord square	211 50															211 50
* Copley square	590 25															590 25
Dorchester Park	1,023 50															1,023 50
Dreher square	125 25															125 25
* Eaton square	375 42															375 42
Edward Everett square	46 00															46 00
Elm Hill Park	144 70															144 70
* Essex square	54 93															54 93
* Fens	8,252 21	2,435 16	4,194 36	969 50	$259 75	2,062 86				16 50	25 00					18,218 34
* Fern square	55 07															55 07
Florida street	205 07															205 07
* Fort Hill square	677 75															677 75
Frances street	43 50															43 50
* Franklin Park	28,445 82	2,744 67	3,275 88	12,904 63						223 21	8,125 54			510 25		56,329 30
* Franklin square	1,692 67	507 77														1,600 44
Greenwood square	113 60															113 60
Greenhouses				23,531 01						723 00						24,254 01
Harold square	98 02															98 02
Heath square	48 91															48 91
Hayes square	147 10															147 10
* Highland Park	395 45							2,482 50								2,877 95
* Horatio Harris Park	485 75															485 75
* Independence square	1,008 55	500 00														1,508 85
* Jackson square	88 35															88 35
* Lincoln square	231 46															231 46
* Linwood Park	42 35															42 35
* Longwood Park	286 50															286 50
* Madison Park	713 01															713 01
Magnolia street	40 00															40 00
* Massachusetts avenue	1,607 00															1,607 00
* Marine Park	5,957 33	1,039 66	2,951 86	10,500 19	5,396 35	628 13		145 60								25,719 12
* Maverick square	416 92															416 92
* Meeting House Hill	384 75															384 75
Milton square	43 00															43 00
* Mount Bowdoin	274 10															274 10
Oak square	204 75															504 75
Oak View terrace	91 45															91 45
* Park square	28 76															28 76
Oiling roads			1,075 41													1,075 41
Olmsted Park	7,602 44	1,359 85	4,835 81	140 52							166 00					14,104 62
* Orchard Park	803 58															803 58
Peabody square	65 35															65 35
* Public Garden	12,846 43	3,956 33		1,168 67										261 17		18,002 00
* Prescott square	124 26															124 26
* Putnam square	124 28															124 28
Richardson square	188 58															188 58
* Riverway	2,233 28	742 50	1,989 56	1,092 24	48 00	56 86				14 00				136 60		6,313 25
* Rutland square	132 10															132 10
Savin Hill Park	497 83															497 83
Beaver street	71 50															71 50
* Soldiers Monument lot	68 00															68 00
Sparhawk square	239 00															239 00
Spaulding square	58 00															58 00
St. Stephen square	48 06															48 06
* Sullivan square	443 53										31 00					474 53
Strandway	3,048 26	450 94	2,843 30	615 81		1,449 87										8,408 27
* Thomas Park	751 07															751 07
Tremlett square	182 58															182 58
* Union Park	620 25															620 25
Vose square	51 00															51 00
* Walnut Park	123 10															123 10
Waltham square	78 00															78 00
Warren square	97 07															97 07
* Washington Park	1,539 24	500 00														2,039 24
Webster square	88 75															88 75
Wellesley Park	436 25															436 25
West Roxbury way	189 54															189 54
Williams square	90 45															90 45
* Winthrop square	456 39															456 39
Wolcott square	54 00															54 00
* Worcester square	499 18															499 18
* Wood Island Park	4,228 14			1,197 60							82 06	3,347 68		329 21		9,185 11
Zoological Garden	1,473 77	292 72		28,346 48						9,311 54				8,813 91		48,238 42
General expenses:																
Administration				2,853 11										50,556 79	$2,500 00	50,909 90
Stables														8,023 37		8,023 37
Automobile maintenance														26,069 93		26,069 93
Moth suppression														29,872 21		29,872 21
Street trees														12,529 16		12,529 16
Celebrations and entertainments														10,004 33		10,004 33
Miscellaneous charges														2,039 05		2,039 05
Totals	$127,758 30	$25,455 87	$48,168 70	$110,955 17	$5,704 10	$9,988 40	$7 00	$12,744 05	$1,905 21	$12,570 70	$8,618 18	$7,287 28	$4,036 43	$140,330 15	$2,500 00	$525,469 80

* Parks and gardens in existence on January 12, 1887.

EXPENDITURES ON ACCOUNT OF MAINTENANCE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1916, TO JANUARY 31, 1917.

Playgrounds and Gymnasia.	Ground.	Walks.	Buildings.	Construction and Improvements.			Sports.	Gymnasium Buildings.	General Expense.	Totals.
				Grading, Loam.	Drainage and Water Supply.	Walks, Fences and Seats.				
Allston Playground				$159 39						$159 39
Ashmont Playground	$902 75		$1,224 49							2,127 24
Billings Field Playground	2,796 53		962 05							3,768 58
Carolina Avenue Playground	1,055 36		226 02	535 80						1,817 18
Charlestown Playground	1,309 08	$229 90	1,224 02				$251 75			3,014 75
Columbus Avenue Playground	1,263 12	132 75	1,775 58		$23 82		239 50			3,434 47
Commonwealth Park Playground	1,086 09		31 50							1,117 59
Copp's Hill Terrace Playground	786 00	44 77	807 57							1,638 34
Cottage Street Playground	1,048 75		1,047 20		57 00					2,152 95
Fellows Street Playground	823 25	63 50	953 22				92 00			1,931 97
First Street Playground	1,196 00	159 97	1,486 14							2,842 11
Forest Hills Playground	1,620 67		905 90							2,526 57
Franklin Field Playground	3,429 98		3,014 14				993 00		$224 82	7,661 94
Gibson Street Playground	1,042 50		1,190 79	97 84			60 65			2,391 78
Hyde Park Playground	108 50			1,496 50						1,605 00
John Winthrop Playground	864 85				3 50		24 00			892 35
Marcella Street Playground	1,101 00	140 00	1,448 14				213 76			2,902 90
Mt. Ida Playground	1,776 22		374 53	2,220 91	604 12	$614 00			19 49	5,609 27
Mystic Playground	806 85	133 69	972 96				182 53			2,096 03
Neponset Playground	889 22		178 19	75 18						1,142 59
Norfolk Street Playground	1,139 00		946 26		17 83		15 30			2,118 39
North Brighton Playground	806 34	115 75	1,636 10				213 70		223 51	2,995 40
North End Playground	131 21			246 10						377 31
Orient Heights Playground	764 50		46 00							810 50
Paris Street Playground	152 00									152 00
Parker Hill Playground	306 25			74 03						380 28
Portsmouth Street Playground	168 00						49 50			217 50
Prince Street Playground	1,131 43		735 10				72 50			1,939 03
Randolph Playground	958 20		1,180 98				32 87			2,172 05
Rogers Park Playground	694 50		65 00				119 00			878 50
Ripley Playground	483 42									483 42
Roslindale Playground	867 27		721 42			36 00	37 00			1,661 69
Rutherford Avenue Playground	751 58		1,166 12			78 21	83 87			2,079 78
Savin Hill Playground	591 19		15 59	916 90	115 20					1,638 88
Strandway Playground	1,144 72		2,154 17	72 15			105 05			3,476 09
Tyler Street Playground										
Ward 19 Playground	261 76	54 26		1,349 14						1,665 16
West Fifth Street Playground	800 41		674 44				148 00			1,622 85
West Third Street Playground	555 12		663 56							1,218 68
William Eustis Playground	969 87		1,016 91							1,986 78
Ward 4 Gymnasium								$4,250 32		4,250 32
Ward 5 Gymnasium								4,233 72		4,233 72
Ward 6 Gymnasium								4,825 99		4,825 99
Ward 12 Gymnasium								3,863 49		3,863 49
Ward 17 Gymnasium								4,700 65		4,700 65
Curtis Hall Gymnasium								4,383 86		4,383 86
North Bennet Street Gymnasium								13,224 51		13,224 51
D Street Gymnasium								6,441 38		6,441 38
East Boston Gymnasium								13,031 57		13,031 57
Cabot Street Gymnasium								9,541 44		9,541 44
Totals	$36,583 49	$1,074 59	$28,844 09	$7,243 94	$821 17	$728 21	$2,933 98	$68,496 93	$467 82	$147,194 22

Location, Area and Equipment of Playgrounds and Gymnasia, 1916-17.

NAME.	Area, Acres.	Location.	Equipment.
Ashmont Playground	2.20	Brent street, near Talbot avenue, Dorchester district.	Two ball grounds. Two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating and children's corner.
Billings Field	11.00	La Grange and Bellevue streets, near Centre street, West Roxbury district.	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating and shower baths.
Carolina Avenue Playground	3.10	Carolina avenue, Jamaica Plain	One ball ground. One Soccer football ground and children's playground.
Charlestown Playground (land, 14 acres; flats, 4 acres).	18.00	Main and Alford streets, Charlestown district	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, two handball courts, basket ball, skating, quoit rinks and running track.
Columbus Avenue Playground	5.00	Columbus avenue and Camden street, Roxbury district.	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, children's corner, boys' athletic field, skating and shower baths. Board running track in winter.
Commonwealth Playground	8.07	C, D and Cypher streets and Mt. Washington avenue, South Boston district.	Six ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, skating and indoor gymnasium.
Cottage Street Playground	3.85	Cottage street, near Maverick street, East Boston district.	Two ball grounds. Three Soccer football grounds, children's corner and skating.
Factory Hill Playground	5.20	Town street, near Sunnyside street, Hyde Park district.	
Fellows Street Playground	.85	Fellows and Hunneman streets, Roxbury district	Children's playground, basket ball, two handball courts, coasting incline during winter.
First Street Playground	4.60	First and M streets, South Boston district	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, outdoor gymnasium, basket ball, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
Forest Hills Playground	9.60	Washington and Florence streets, Roslindale, West Roxbury district.	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, basket ball, shower baths and children's corner.
Franklin Field	77.00	Talbot and Blue Hill avenues, Dorchester district,	Sixty acres playground, eighteen ball grounds. Two Rugby and three Soccer football grounds, tennis, cricket, bowling, curling, skating, running track, speedway for horses, shower baths and children's corner.
Gibson Playground	5.80	Dorchester avenue, Geneva avenue and Park street, Dorchester district.	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
John Winthrop Playground	1.57	Dacia and Danube streets	One ball ground. One Soccer football ground, children's corner and coasting incline during winter.

Location, Area and Equipment of Playgrounds and Gymnasia, 1916-17.— *Concluded.*

Name.	Area, Acres.	Location.	Equipment.
Marcella Street Playground	5.10	Ritchie, Highland and Marcella streets, Roxbury district.	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, shower baths and children's corner.
Mission Hill Playground	4.24	Phillips street, near Tremont street, Roxbury district.	
Mystic Playground	2.30	Chelsea street and Mystic river	One ball ground. One Soccer football ground, skating and children's corner.
Neponset Playground	18.00	Neponset avenue, Dorchester district	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, skating and children's corner.
Norfolk Street Playground	6.35	Norfolk street, Mattapan, Dorchester district	Football field.
North Brighton Playground	14.00	Western avenue, near North Harvard street, Allston, Brighton district.	Four ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
Orient Heights Playground	5.24	Saratoga and Boardman streets, Orient Heights, East Boston district.	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and one Soccer football ground and skating.
Paris Street Playground	1.27	Paris street, East Boston.	
Parker Hill Playground	4.50	Reservoir lot, top of Parker Hill, Roxbury	Children's corner.
Portsmouth Street Playground	4.29	Portsmouth street, Brighton	Two ball grounds. One Soccer football ground, one Rugby football ground, children's corner.
Prince Street Playground	.40	Prince and North Bennet streets, city proper	Children's playground and basket ball, coasting incline during winter.
Randolph Street Playground	2.80	Albany and Randolph streets, city proper	Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
Ripley Playground	.86	Trescott street, near Harvard street, Dorchester district.	Children's playground.
Rogers Park	6.90	Lake and Foster streets, Brighton district	Four acres playground. Two ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, skating and children's corner.
Ronan Park	11.59	Top of Mt. Ida, Meeting House Hill, Dorchester district.	
Roslindale Playground	3.80	South, Robert and South Walter streets, Roslindale, West Roxbury district.	One ball ground. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, tennis, skating and children's corner.
Rutherford Avenue Playground	1.10	Rutherford avenue, Washington and Union streets, Charlestown district.	

Savin Hill Playground (8.35 acres upland; 24.35 acres flats).	32.70	Springdale and Denny streets, Savin Hill, Dorchester district.	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, basket ball, skating and beach bathing.
Smith's Pond	20.08	Stony Brook Reservation, Hyde Park	Skating in winter.
Tyler Street Playground	.26	Tyler street, city proper	Children's corner and shelter.
West Fifth Street Playground	.41	West Fifth street, between D and E streets, South Boston district.	Children's playground.
West Third Street Playground	.28	West Third street, corner of B street, South Boston district.	Children's playground.
William Eustis Playground	4.88	Norfolk avenue and Proctor street, Roxbury district.	Three ball grounds. One Rugby and two Soccer football grounds, skating, shower baths and children's corner.
Wood Playground	3.10	Near Hallet street, Neponset, Dorchester district.	
Ward 4 Gymnasium	.....	Bunker Hill and Lexington streets, Charlestown district.	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Ward 5 Gymnasium	.....	Tyler street, city proper	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Ward 6 Gymnasium	.....	Harrison avenue and Plympton street, city proper,	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Ward 17 Gymnasium	.....	Columbia road, near Upham's Corner, Dorchester district.	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and swimming pool, 40 feet by 33 feet.
D Street Gymnasium	.....	D street, at Commonwealth Park, South Boston district.	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
East Boston Gymnasium	.....	Paris street, East Boston district	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and basket ball courts.
Cabot Street Gymnasium	.....	Cabot street, near Whittier street, Roxbury district.	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 30 feet.
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	.....	South street, corner Sedgwick street, Jamaica Plain district.	Indoor gymnasium, shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 25 feet.
North Bennet Street Gymnasium	.....	North Bennet street at playground, city proper	Indoor gymnasium and shower baths.
Malloch's Wharf (1.15 acres upland; 2.54 acres flats).	3.69	Freeport street, near foot of Park street, Dorchester district.	
Paul Gore Street Playground	.74	Northeast side Paul Gore street, between Centre street and Chestnut avenue.	

Location, Area and Equipment of Baths and Beaches, 1916-17.

Name.	Area, Acres.	Location.	Equipment.
Cabot Street Bath	.....	In Cabot Street Bath House Building, Roxbury district.	Shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 30 feet.
Curtis Hall Bath	.....	In Curtis Hall, Jamaica Plain district	Shower baths and swimming pool, 75 feet by 25 feet.
Dewey Beach Bath	4.30	Medford street, at Charlestown Heights, Charlestown district.	Beach bathing during summer months.
Dover Street Bath	.....	Dover street, near Harrison avenue, city proper	Shower baths.
Freeport Street Bath	.....	Freeport street, Dorchester district	Beach bathing during summer months.
L Street Bath	.....	On Strandway, Dorchester Bay, South Boston	Beach bathing during entire year.
McKenzie Beach Bath	.....	On Strandway, at head of Dorchester Bay, South Boston.	Beach bathing during summer months.
North Bennet Street Bath	.....	In North Bennet Street Gymnasium	Shower baths.
North End Beach Bath (land, 3.70 acres; flats, 3 acres).	6.70	Commercial street, at Charles river	Beach bathing during the summer months for men, women and children.
Tenean Beach Bath	.....	Tenean street, Dorchester district	Beach bathing during summer months.
Wood Island Bath	.....	At Wood Island Park	Beach bathing during summer months.
Border Street Floating Bath	.....	Border street, East Boston	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
Charlesbank Floating Bath	.....	Charles River Basin at Charlesbank	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
Dover Street Floating Bath	.....	Dover street, at Fort Point Channel, city proper,	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
East Boston Wharf	.....	Condor street, corner of Meridian street, East Boston district.	Storage basin and repair shop.
Fort Point Channel Floating Bath	.....	Northern avenue, city proper	One floating bath house for men only.
Jeffries Point Floating Bath	.....	Jeffries Point, East Boston district	One floating bath house for men and women.
Mystic Bridge Floating Bath	.....	Chelsea street, at Mystic river, Charlestown district,	One floating bath house for men and women.
Warren Bridge Floating Bath	.....	Warren avenue, at Charles river, Charlestown district.	Two floating bath houses for men and women.
Dover Street Laundry	.....	Dover street, near Harrison avenue	Full laundry equipment.
North End Park Laundry, Commercial street	.....	North End Park	Full laundry equipment.

Expenditures on Account of Maintenance from February 1, 1916, to January 31, 1917.

BATHS AND BEACHES.	Buildings.	Furnishings.	Rental.	General Expenses.	Totals.
Cabot Street Bath	$9,715 70	$848 57	.....	$590 75	$11,155 02
Curtis Hall Bath	4,881 41	555 30	.....	.....	5,436 71
Dewey Beach Bath	3,623 32	191 65	.....	.....	3,814 97
Dover Street Bath	13,658 19	1,022 44	.....	1,451 19	16,131 82
Freeport Street Bath	1,066 43	39 00	$500 00	.....	1,605 43
McKenzie Beach Bath	1,518 05	130 65	.....	.....	1,648 70
L Street Bath	14,025 43	1,369 25	.....	657 69	16,052 37
North Bennet Street Bath	6,242 43	650 10	.....	389 89	7,282 42
North End Beach Bath	10,542 84	407 90	.....	1,040 34	11,991 08
Savin Hill Beach Bath	1,932 90	43 50	.....	.....	1,976 40
Tenean Beach Bath	1,547 45	43 50	.....	301 30	1,892 25
Wood Island Bath	1,912 07	241 15	.....	.....	2,153 22
Charlesbank Floating Bath	605 00	.....	.....	.....	605 00
Dover Street Floating Bath	668 40	36 00	.....	.....	704 40
East Boston Wharf	885 88	24 00	800 00	435 00	2,144 88
Meridian Street Floating Bath	380 14	16 00	.....	.....	396 14
Warren Bridge Floating Bath	709 00	16 00	.....	.....	725 00
Ward 4 Showers	1,154 14	31 00	.....	.....	1,185 14
Ward 5 Showers	655 60	.....	.....	.....	655 60
Ward 6 Showers	885 29	34 18	.....	.....	919 47
Ward 10 Showers	5,976 49	225 50	.....	.....	6,201 99
Ward 12 Showers	2,803 18	109 00	.....	.....	2,912 18
Ward 17 Showers	2,849 30	57 50	.....	.....	2,906 80
D Street Showers	3,972 41	214 35	.....	34 70	4,221 46
East Boston Showers	6,757 79	312 73	.....	.....	7,070 52
Dover Street and North End Laundries,	19,342 23	.....	.....	.....	19,342 23
General Repairs — Baths	6,882 30	.....	.....	.....	6,882 30
Randidge Fund	.....	.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Totals	$125,193 37	$6,619 27	$1,300 00	$4,920 86	$138,033 50

Expenditures from February 1, 1916, to January 31, 1917, on Parks and Squares in Existence on January 12, 1887.

Maintained in Part by the Transfer Appropriation of $162,480.50 from the George F. Parkman Fund Income.

	Labor.	Materials.	Totals.
Arnold Arboretum	$2,534 75	$438 50	$2,973 25
Belmont square	576 00	10 50	586 50
Berwick Park	94 25	30 50	124 75
Blackstone square	881 97	743 33	1,625 30
Boston Common	22,111 37	4,944 06	27,055 43
Brighton square	196 25	22 50	218 75
Bromley Park	229 45	54 00	283 45
Cedar square	254 35	10 00	264 35
Central square	458 67	33 00	491 67
Centre street	67 50	9 00	76 50
Charlesbank	10,357 96	1,205 12	11,563 08
City Hall grounds	75 26	.....	75 26
City square	360 93	27 00	387 93
Concord square	173 50	38 00	211 50
Copley square	590 25	.....	590 25
Eaton square	305 92	69 50	375 42
Essex square	54 93	.....	54 93
Fens square	12,726 53	5,491 81	18,218 34
Fern square	53 57	1 50	55 07
Fort Hill square	569 00	108 75	677 75
Franklin Park	41,209 24	15,111 06	56,320 30
Franklin square	869 00	731 44	1,600 44
Highland Park	365 45	2,512 50	2,877 95
Horatio Harris Park	428 75	57 00	485 75
Independence square	913 30	595 25	1,508 55
Jackson square	86 85	1 50	88 35
Lincoln square	213 46	18 00	231 46
Linwood Park	37 35	5 00	42 35
Longwood Park	222 50	64 00	286 50
Madison Park	587 93	125 08	713 01
Massachusetts avenue	1,407 82	200 08	1,607 90
Marine Park	13,439 67	12,279 45	25,719 12
Maverick square	394 42	22 50	416 92
Carried forward	$112,848 15	$44,959 93	$157,808 08

Expenditures on Parks and Squares in Existence on January 12, 1887.—*Concluded.*

	Labor.	Materials.	Totals.
Brought forward	$112,848 15	$44,959 93	$157,808 08
Meeting House Hill	323 25	61 50	384 75
Mt. Bowdoin	230 10	44 00	274 10
Park square	28 76	.....	28 76
Orchard Park	656 50	147 08	803 58
Public Garden	15,273 85	2,728 75	18,002 60
Prescott square	122 76	1 50	124 26
Putnam square	122 78	1 50	124 28
Riverway	4,351 37	1,961 88	6,313 25
Rutland square	104 10	28 00	132 10
Soldiers Monument lot	63 00	5 00	68 00
Sullivan square	422 53	52 00	474 53
Thomas Park	687 07	64 00	751 07
Union Park	311 25	309 00	620 25
Walnut Park	117 10	6 00	123 10
Washington Park	1,271 11	768 13	2,039 24
Winthrop Park	394 14	62 25	456 39
Worcester Park	344 10	145 08	489 18
Wood Island Park	7,789 87	1,395 24	9,185 11
Aquarium	18,724 65	8,954 56	27,679 21
Zoological Gardens	32,486 22	15,752 20	48,238 42
Totals	$196,672 66	$77,447 60	$274,120 26

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures on Account of Maintenance from February 1, 1916, to January 31, 1917.

Parks and gardens	$381,021 91	
Playgrounds and gymnasia	147,194 22	
Baths and beaches	138,033 50	
Celebrations and entertainments	10,004 33	
General expenses	134,443 56	
		$810,697 52
Expenditures on account of land and construction from February 1, 1916, to January 31, 1917		428,564 72
		$1,239,262 24

Classification of the Expenditures for Maintenance for the Year 1916-17.

GROUP AND ITEM.	Total Net Appropriation.	Total Expenditures to Date.	Balance Unexpended.
PERSONAL SERVICE AS PER SCHEDULE A:			
Permanent employees	$579,269 62	$579,269 62	
Temporary employees	249 60	218 00	$31 60
Unassigned	1,233 40	1,233 40	
SERVICE OTHER THAN PERSONAL:			
Printing and binding	473 59	473 59	
Postage	400 00	399 88	12
Advertising and posting	97 92	97 90	02
Transportation of persons	1,117 11	1,117 11	
Cartage and freight	78 55	78 55	
Hire of teams and auto trucks	38,369 29	38,369 29	
Light and power	9,125 34	9,119 86	5 48
Rent, taxes and water	3,865 00	3,813 00	52 00
Premium on surety bond	15 00	15 00	
Communication	1,933 70	1,933 70	
Motor vehicle repairs and care	3,802 57	3,802 57	
Motorless vehicle repairs	200 00	165 00	35 00
Cleaning	66 51	66 51	
Medical	73 00	73 00	
Veterinary	286 00	286 00	
Testing materials and supplies	25 00	25 00	
Expert and architect	4,001 98	4,001 98	
Stenographic copying and indexing	28 50	28 50	
Towing	435 00	435 00	
General plant	8,528 95	8,528 95	
Horseshoeing and clipping	25 00	15 65	9 35
Music, concerts, etc.	8,592 40	8,592 40	
EQUIPMENT:			
Motor vehicles	4,828 30	4,828 30	
Motorless vehicles	99 19	99 19	
Furniture and fittings	2,311 47	2,311 47	
Educational and recreational	302 28	302 28	
Carried forward	$669,834 27	$669,700 70	$133 57

Classification of the Expenditures for Maintenance for the Year 1916-17.— *Concluded.*

GROUP AND ITEM.	Total Net Appropriation.	Total Expenditures to Date.	Balance Unexpended.
Brought forward	$669,834 27	$669,700 70	$133 57
Office	325 00	322 17	2 83
Tools and instruments	2,854 66	2,854 66	
Live stock	1,000 00	983 00	17 00
Wearing apparel	3,015 81	3,015 81	
General plant	332 88	332 88	
SUPPLIES:			
Office	1,995 14	1,995 14	
Food and ice	256 25	256 25	
Fuel	26,898 27	26,898 27	
Forage and animal	12,246 72	12,246 72	
Medical, surgical, laboratory	49 50	49 50	
Veterinary	59 79	59 79	
Laundry, cleaning, toilet	3,510 06	3,510 06	
Agricultural	2,955 99	2,951 44	4 55
Motor vehicle	5,386 88	5,386 88	
Chemicals and disinfectants	496 58	496 58	
General plant	947 93	947 93	
MATERIALS:			
Building	9,611 14	9,611 14	
Machinery	656 29	656 29	
Electrical	808 07	808 07	
Parks and recreational	38,980 77	38,980 77	
General plant	2,139 01	2,139 01	
SPECIAL ITEMS:			
Pensions and annuities	14,274 28	14,274 28	
Workingmen's compensation	500 00	468 73	31 27
Contracts for construction where money is derived from taxes:			
Columbia Road:			
Granolithic sidewalks	9,268 95	9,268 95	
Highland Park:			
Guns, carriages, equipments, etc.,	2,482 50	2,482 50	
Totals	$810,886 74	$810,697 52	$189 22

CASH RECEIPTS OF THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1916, TO JANUARY 31, 1917.

PARK DIVISION.

For labor, suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths	$15,764 26	
From the Commonwealth, for moth suppression,	2,000 00	
For labor, other city departments, etc.	1,893 39	
From permits, for openings, occupations, etc.	1,969 14	
From contributions of residents for Commonwealth avenue bitulithic pavement	7,990 90	
From sale of buildings	1,364 82	
From sale of live stock, wool and fowl	50 00	
From sale of junk, wood, shrubs, etc.	11 00	
From the Boston Common Tree Fund, income,	200 00	
For use of towels and soap	865 72	
From coin locks, convenience stations	752 00	
For use of lockers at Franklin Park	399 00	
Refund on express charges	42	
Rents	12,407 05	
		$45,667 70

RECREATION DIVISION.

For use of bathing suits, towels, etc.	$24,987 57	
Commission on weighing machines	205 15	
Commission on telephones	28 97	
Interest on former deposits	11 67	
Rents	1,028 34	
		26,261 70
		$71,929 40

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General revenue, city income	$62,373 68	
Sinking Fund	1,364 82	
Appropriation, Park and Recreation Department	8,190 90	
		$71,929 40

Park Betterments Collected by City Collector to January 31, 1917.

	Assessments Committed to Collector.	Abated.	Net Assessments.	Collected.	Outstanding January 31, 1917.
Public Park, Back Bay...	$434,600 00	$144,195 73	$290,404 27	$290,404 27	
Marine Park.....	23,543 00	12,616 80	10,926 20	10,926 20	
Franklin Park.....	135,029 00	122,000 66	13,028 34	13,028 34	
Parkway, Old Harbor....	60,789 00	50,426 00	10,363 00	8,256 00	$2,107 00
" Muddy River..	108,972 00	83,594 25	25,377 75	23,238 75	2,139 00
" West Roxbury,	154,107 00	113,808 00	40,299 00	31,913 00	8,386 00
" Dorchester.....	9,713 00	3,055 54	6,657 46	5,927 74	729 72
	$926,753 00	$529,696 98	$397,056 02	$383,694 30	$13,361 72

Public Park and Playground Debt.

Liabilities.

Total loans outstanding January 31, 1917 . . . . . $15,241,410 98

Resources.

Sinking Fund January 31, 1917 . . . . . 8,941,980 03

Net Debt January 31, 1917 . . . . . $6,299,430 95

Classification of the Cash Receipts of the Recreation Division of the Park and Recreation Department from February 1, 1916, to January 31, 1917.

	Towels.	Soap.	Pool.	Valuation Envelopes.	Suits.	Trunks.	Total.
Cabot Street Bath	$1,048 25	$380 56	$1,085 35	$4 85	.....	.....	$2,519 01
Charlesbank Floating Bath (men)	57 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 87
Charlesbank Floating Bath (women)	12 69	.....	.....	.....	$7 41	.....	20 10
Curtis Hall Bath	485 29	121 76	2,301 20	33 50	.....	.....	2,941 75
D Street Gymnasium	225 29	112 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	337 45
Dewey Beach (men)	22 19	.....	.....	.....	41 70	$17 55	81 44
Dewey Beach (women)	3 71	.....	.....	.....	52 85	.....	56 56
Dover Street Bath	2,242 79	978 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,221 20
Dover Street Bridge Floating Bath (men)	38 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 12
Dover Street Bridge Floating Bath (women)	28 17	.....	.....	.....	12 70	.....	40 87
East Boston Gymnasium	855 54	404 94	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,260 48
Freeport Street Bath	11 95	.....	.....	.....	47 50	.....	59 45
L Street Bath (men)	1,399 48	.....	.....	620 80	.....	2,380 90	4,401 18
L Street Bath (boys)	29 48	.....	.....	6 50	.....	40 60	76 58
L Street Bath (women)	118 89	.....	.....	12 10	838 60	.....	969 59
McKenzie Beach Bath	22 23	.....	.....	80	85 20	3 55	111 78
Meridian Street Floating Bath (men)	34 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 57
Meridian Street Floating Bath (women)	2 44	.....	.....	.....	38 80	.....	41 24

North Bennet Street	1,369 96	515 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,885 07
North End Park (men)	115 03	.....	.....	15 45	6 45	221 19	358 12
North End Park (women)	56 53	.....	.....	.....	185 94	.....	242 47
Savin Hill Beach	34 39	55	.....	35	34 55	1 35	71 19
Tenean Beach	34 52	.....	.....	4 75	93 70	14 30	147 27
Ward 4 Gymnasium	478 02	188 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	666 13
Ward 5 Gymnasium	800 10	314 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,114 11
Ward 6 Gymnasium	279 47	148 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	427 78
Ward 12 Gymnasium	495 44	226 78	.....	.....	.....	.....	722 22
Ward 17 Gymnasium	370 77	161 35	325 65	2 10	.....	2 70	862 57
Ward 10 Showers	1,254 82	546 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,801 58
Warren Bridge Floating Bath (men)	103 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 25
Warren Bridge Floating Bath (women)	3 95	.....	.....	.....	47 40	.....	51 35
Wood Island Park (men)	80 38	.....	.....	.....	69 71	36 04	186 13
Wood Island Park (women)	3 44	.....	.....	.....	75 65	.....	79 09
Totals	$12,119 02	$4,098 81	$3,712 20	$701 20	$1,638 16	$2,718 18	$24,987 57
Weighing machines	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	205 15
Commission on telephones	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 97
Interest on former deposits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 67
Rent	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,028 34
							$26,261 70

Park and Recreation Statistics to January 31, 1917.

Parks.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Main Park System:									
Commonwealth avenue	1894–1905	.....	$237,103 35	$237,103 35	112.7 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens	1877–1879	$596,254 49	2,191,790 32	2,788,044 81	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
* Riverway	1890	457,457 53	674,296 32	1,131,753 85	40 "	1.4 "	2.8 "	1.2 "	8 "
† Olmsted Park	1890–1892	1,081,947 60	754,373 59	1,836,321 19	180 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arborway	1892	245,584 25	381,793 81	627,378 06	36 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum	1882–1895	79,354 15	388,372 84	467,726 99	223 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	.....	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway	1894	135,265 29	22,123 21	157,388 50	150 "	2.8 "	4.3 "	2.4 "	
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden	1883–1884	1,551,896 63	2,773,605 11	4,325,501 74	527 "	7.91 "	14.9 "	1 mile	7.4 acres
Marine Park System:									
Columbia road	1899	447,528 63	540,511 93	988,040 56					
Dorchester way	1892	63,735 54	65,187 12	128,922 66	109 " land, 187.5 " flats	4.2 "	4.5 "		
Strandway	1890–1892, 1897–1901	772,515 12	421,056 63	1,193,571 75					
Marine Park and Aquarium,	1883	232,972 57	1,217,477 25	1,450,449 82	52.5 " land, 4.9 " flats	0.5 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 acres
‡ Castle Island	1890	.....	39,890 91	39,890 91	25.7 " land, 78.3 " flats				
‡ Governor's Island	1911	.....	20,000 00	20,000 00	73 "	.....	1.95 "		
Savin Hill Beach Playground	1899	44,441 05	21,541 11	65,982 16	8.35 " land, 24.35 " flats				
Savin Hill Beach, Additional Land	.....	6,318 28	150 00	6,468 28					

SAVIN HILL PARK	1909	31,925 55	9,074 45	41,000 00	8.26 "				
WOOD ISLAND PARK	1882–1891	132,800 00	275,346 93	408,146 93	55.6 " land 155.4 " flats	0.3 "	2.1 "		
CHARLESBANK	1883	373,916 99	339,720 40	713,637 39	10 "	.....	1.5 "		
TRINITY TRIANGLE	1885	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.12 acre				
CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS, DEWEY BEACH	1891	50,538 02	154,217 56	204,755 58	6.1 acres land 4.3 " flats	.....	0.4 mile		
CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND	1891	172,923 31	32,931 93	205,855 24	14 " land 4 " flats	.....	0.6 "		
DORCHESTER PARK	1891–1903	64,165 37	16,311 18	80,476 55	26 "				
FRANKLIN FIELD	1892	157,341 22	194,228 38	351,569 60	77 "	0.65 mile	1.09 miles		
NORTH END PARK AND PIER	1893	328,364 44	183,624 71	511,989 15	3.7 " land 3 " flats				
COPP'S HILL TERRACE	1893	90,858 19	43,222 17	134,080 36	0.6 acre	.....	0.11 mile		
COPP'S HILL PLAYGROUND AND SHELTER	.....	.....	12,418 88	12,418 88					
§ CHESTNUT HILL PARK	1898–1899 and 1902	210,239 06	6,940 60	217,179 66	55.4 acres	1.4 miles			
BOSTON COMMON AND PUBLIC GARDEN, IRRIGATION SYSTEM, ETC.	.....	.....	2,461 16	2,461 16					
BOSTON COMMON, SEATS AT BANDSTAND	.....	.....	1,658 95	1,658 95					
CHARLESGATE, WEST BRIDGE RESTORATION	.....	.....	2,324 02	2,324 02					
COPLEY SQUARE PLANS	.....	.....	250 00	250 00					
CONVENIENCE STATION, CITY SQUARE, AND AT OR NEAR PARK SQUARE	.....	.....	12,929 81	12,929 81					
Carried forward	.....	$7,358,343 28	$11,036,934 63	$18,395,277 91	2,372.77 acres	45.08 miles	69.23 miles	8.7 miles	118.4 acres

* An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.
‡ Custody given to the city by Act of Congress.

§ 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

Park and Recreation Statistics to January 31, 1917.— *Continued.*

Parks.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Brought forward	.....	$7,358,343 28	$11,036,934 63	$18,395,277 91	2,372.77 acres	45.08 miles	69.23 miles	8.7 miles	118.4 acres
Fellows Street Playground Sanitary	.....	.....	627 75	627 75					
Gymnasium, East Boston	.....	.....	2,309 05	2,309 05					
Gymnasium, Ward Building, Ward 8	.....	.....	244 37	244 37					
Highland Park, Improvements	.....	.....	2,623 41	2,623 41					
Horticultural Building	.....	.....	1,666 99	1,666 99					
Improvements of Small Parks and Squares	.....	.....	6,581 06	6,581 06					
Land, Hemenway Street and the Fenway	.....	140,600 00	.....	140,600 00	(See Fens.)				
Orchard Park Improvements,	.....	.....	4,901 80	4,901 80					
Parker Hill Grading	.....	.....	9,999 97	9,999 97					
Playground Accommodations, Mattapan District,	.....	274 09	1,460 45	1,734 54					
Playground Accommodations, Ward 19	1913	260,733 94	41,173 26	301,907 20	4.24 acres				
Playgrounds, Completion of	.....	.....	57,158 48	57,158 48					
Playground Improvements	.....	.....	2,713 82	2,713 82					
Playground, Hyde Park	.....	.....	8,819 94	8,819 94					
Playground, Mt. Ida Section	1912	97,463 18	4,206 08	101,669 26	11.07 "				

Playground, Ward 2	1912	2,775 25	1,224 75	4,000 00					
Playground, Ward 5	1912	80,946 47	7,068 58	88,015 05	1.07 "				
Playground, Ward 7	1912	.....	5,493 64	5,493 64					
Prince Street Playground, Sanitary	1897–1899, 1901	180,474 70	8,304 61	188,779 31	0.4 acre				
Ronan Park	.....	.....	85,545 26	85,545 26					
Tenean Beach Property	1915	55,000 00	1,354 00	56,354 00	8.7 acres				
North Brighton Playground	1894	22,107 12	30,802 77	52,909 89	14 "				
Neponset Playground	1896	24,804 39	26,189 35	50,993 74	18 "				
Billings Field	1896	47,068 98	24,367 53	71,436 51	11 "				
* First Street Playground,	1897	.....	30,840 40	30,840 40	4.6 "	.....	0.4 mile		
† Spaulding Square	1897	4,000 00	.....	4,000 00	0.14 acre				
Mystic Playground	1897	50,125 00	30,515 54	80,640 54	2.3 acres				
‡ Fellows Street Playground	1897	14,503 72	11,065 22	25,568 94	0.85 acre				
Christopher Gibson Playground	1897	37,709 58	10,042 75	47,752 33	5.8 acres				
Columbus Avenue Playground	1899–1900 1901–1902	327,503 84	37,479 58	364,983 42	5 "				
Ashmont Playground	1899	43,990 09	9,000 00	52,990 09	2.2 "				
Roslindale Playground	1899	26,125 11	14,005 71	40,130 82	3.8 "				
Forest Hills Playground	1902	25,166 75	15,000 00	40,166 75	9.6 "				
Carried forward	.....	$8,799,705 49	$11,529,690 45	$20,329,436 24	2,475.54 acres	45.08 miles	69.63 miles	8.7 miles	118.4 acres

* Transferred from, and $454.15 expended by, the Public Grounds Department.
† Transferred to Street Department and from Street Department to Public Grounds Department.
‡ 25,470 square feet transferred from, and $2,000 expended by, the Public Grounds Department.

Park and Recreation Statistics to January 31, 1917.— *Concluded.*

Parks.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
Brought forward	.....	$8,799,705 49	$11,529,690 45	$20,329,436 24	2,475.54 acres	45.08 miles	69.63 miles	8.7 miles	118.4 acres
Cottage Street Playground,	1902	47,002 32	8,747 68	55,750 00	3.85 "				
Randolph Street Playground	1903	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	2.8 "				
Marcella Street Playground	1903–1905	.....	35,155 28	35,155 28	5.1 "				
[1] Rogers Park	1899	30,000 00	5,353 11	35,353 11	6.9 "				
Berners Square	1901	.....	294 70	294 70	1.3 "				
[2] Oak Square	1902	.....	1,279 89	1,279 89	0.22 acre				
[2] Cambridge, Lincoln and Mansfield Streets	1910	.....	.....	.....	0.32 "				
[3] Commonwealth Playground	1905	.....	8,633 91	8,633 91	8.07 acres				
Orient Heights Playground	1909	10,015 00	26,124 02	36,139 02	5.24 " land 3.07 " flats				
West Third Street Playground	1909	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre				
West Fifth Street Playground	1909	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.41 "				
William Eustis Playground,	1909	68,187 06	24,477 49	92,664 55	4.88 acres				
John Winthrop Playground,	1911	20,994 26	13,682 97	34,677 23	1.57 "				
Playgrounds, Investigating Sites	.....	295 29	.....	295 29					
[4] Massachusetts Avenue Playground	1912	.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	2.76 "				
Norfolk Street Playground,	1912	22,011 33	26,106 41	48,117 74	6.34 "				
Park and Playground, Allston	1916	54,550 00	526 50	55,076 50	12.12 "				

Parkinson Playground	1912		1,565 00	1,565 00	4.5 "				
Paris Street Playground	1912	50,630 64	4,988 50	55,619 14	1.27 "				
Tyler Street Playground	1912	26,239 19	10,387 81	36,627 00	0.26 acre				
Carolina Avenue Playground	1912	25,477 60	10,304 85	35,782 45	3.08 acres				
Portsmouth Street Playground	1912	15.000 00	5,547 87	20,547 87	4.29 "				
[5] Parker Hill Playground,	1912				4.5 "				1.6 "
[6] Wharf Property, Freeport Street, Dorchester	1912		28 00	28 00	1.15 " land 2.54 " flats				
[7] Factory Hill Playground,	1912				5.2 "				
[8] Paul Gore Street Playground	1913				0.74 acre				
[9] Ripley Playground	1913				0.86 "				
[10] Smith's Pond Playground,	1914				20.08 acres				
General account			73,987 50	73,987 50					
[9] Wood Playground	1913				3.1 "				
Park Nursery			29,947 07	29,947 07					
Betterment expenses			13,356 10	13,356 10					
Four spraying machines	1912		4,400 00	4,400 00					
Seating accommodations	1912		2,813 03	2,813 03					
Parkman House	1913		6,000 00	6,000 00					
		$9,446,961 41	$11,880,828 16	$21,327,789 57	2,592.34 acres	45.08 miles	69.63 miles	8.7 miles	120 acres

[1] Transferred from, and $30,000 expended for land by, the Public Works Department.
[2] Transferred from Street Commissioners.
[3] Custody given to the city by Statutes 1891, chapter 421.
[4] Leased by Park Department.
[5] Transferred from Public Works Department, Water Service.
[6] Transferred from Public Works Department, Sanitary Service.
[7] Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.
[8] Transferred from School Department.
[9] Acquired by gift.
[10] Transferred from Metropolitan Park Commission.

Of the above total lengths of driveways, walks and rides, there have been completed to date, respectively, 40.8 miles, 59.2 miles and 6.3 miles.

Season of 1916.

Schedule of Summer Band Concerts and Attendance.

Date.	Place.	Attendance.
June 18.	Boston Common	9,000
June 18.	Marine Park	8,000
June 25.	Boston Common	10,000
June 25.	Marine Park	9,000
July 2.	Boston Common	15 000
July 2.	Marine Park	10,000
July 2.	Jamaica Pond	7,000
July 2.	Franklin Park	7,000
July 6.	North square	2,500
July 9.	Boston Common	9,000
July 9.	Marine Park	7,000
July 9.	Jamaica Pond	5,000
July 9.	Franklin Park	6,000
July 10.	Neponset Playground	1,500
July 12.	North Brighton Playground	2,000
July 14.	Charlesbank	2,000
July 16.	Boston Common	8,000
July 16.	Marine Park	6,000
July 16.	Jamaica Pond	6,000
July 16.	Franklin Park	6,000
July 21.	Copley square	2,000
July 21.	Sharon street	1,500
July 23.	Boston Common	*
July 23.	Marine Park	*
July 23.	Jamaica Pond	*
July 23.	Franklin Park	*
July 23.	Wood Island	4,000
July 24.	Belmont square	1,200
July 25.	Hayes square	1,500
July 26.	Columbus Avenue Playground	1,800
July 28.	Edward Everett square	1,600
July 30.	Boston Common	9,000
July 30.	Marine Park	8,000
July 30.	Jamaica Pond	6,000
July 30.	Franklin Park	6,000
July 30.	Wood Island	4,500
July 31.	Sullivan square	2,000
Aug. 1.	Union Park	1,200
Aug. 3.	Everett square, Hyde Park	1,600
Aug. 4.	Heath square	1,500
Aug. 6.	Boston Common	8,000
Aug. 6.	Marine Park	6,000
Aug. 6.	Jamaica Pond	6,000
Carried forward		209,400

* Rain, postponed to September 10.

Date.	Place.	Attendance.
	Brought forward	209,400
Aug. 6.	Franklin Park	6,000
Aug. 7.	Wood Island	4,000
Aug. 7.	Gibson Playground	1,200
Aug. 8.	Mt. Hope Playground	1,200
Aug. 11.	Pierce Field	1,500
Aug. 13.	Boston Common	8,000
Aug. 13.	Marine Park	6,000
Aug. 13.	Jamaica Pond	6,000
Aug. 13.	Franklin Park	7,000
Aug. 13.	Wood Island	5,000
Aug. 13.	Germantown	2,500
Aug. 15.	Washington Park	1,500
Aug. 16.	Dearborn and Albany streets	1,200
Aug. 18.	Marcella Street Playground	2,000
Aug. 20.	Boston Common	9,000
Aug. 20.	Marine Park	6,000
Aug. 20.	Jamaica Pond	6,000
Aug. 20.	Franklin Park	7,000
Aug. 20.	Wood Island	5,000
Aug. 23.	Eaton square	1,800
Aug. 25.	Ashmont Playground	1,500
Aug. 25.	Orient Heights	1,800
Aug. 27.	Boston Common	10,000
Aug. 27.	Marine Park	7,000
Aug. 27.	Jamaica Pond	5,000
Aug. 27.	Franklin Park	7,000
Aug. 28.	Washington Park	1,500
Aug. 29.	Thomas Park	1,200
Aug. 30.	Mattapan square	1,200
Sept. 3.	Boston Common	9,000
Sept. 3.	Marine Park	7,000
Sept. 3.	Jamaica Pond	6,000
Sept. 3.	Franklin Park	6,000
Sept. 10.	Boston Common	10,000
Sept. 10.	Franklin Park	6,000
Sept. 10.	Marine Park	6,000
Sept. 10.	Jamaica Pond	6,000
Sept. 10.	Wood Island	5,000
	Total attendance	394,500

Beaches, Swimming Pools and Floating Baths Attendance, 1916-17.

	Men.	Boys.	Pool.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Charlesbank Floating Bath	13,902	77,175	.....	13,831	110,480	215,388
Cabot Street Pool	.....	.....	16,857	.....	.....	16,857
Curtis Hall Pool	.....	.....	32,523	.....	.....	32,523
Dewey Beach Bath	12,705	60,990	.....	12,160	42,515	128,370
Dover Street Bridge Floating Bath	7,784	40,820	.....	9,546	25,015	83,165
Freeport Street Bath	6,198	13,881	.....	3,670	10,976	34,725
L Street Bath House	371,653	125,650	.....	45,335	94,310	636,948
Meridian Street Floating Bath	2,189	20,282	.....	2,157	13,116	37,744
McKenzie Beach Bath	1,421	24,527	.....	1,818	21,321	49,087
North End Park	4,447	94,164	.....	3,709	51,616	153,936
Savin Hill Beach	28,709	20,491	.....	12,188	11,902	73,290
Tenean Beach Bath	15,182	30,286	.....	7,347	20,920	73,735
Ward 17 Pool	.....	.....	4,749	.....	.....	4,749
Warren Bridge Floating Bath	18,475	45,575	.....	28,300	27,925	120,275
Wood Island Park Bath	9,605	45,720	.....	9,290	10,295	74,910
	492,270	599,561	54,129	149,351	440,391	1,735,702

Shower Baths Attendance, 1916-17.

	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Cabot Street Bath	69,190	37,556	16,465	12,524	135,735
Curtis Hall Bath	30,875	32,015	16,800	8,560	88,250
D Street Gymnasium	20,150	13,452	3,045	5,533	42,180
East Boston Gymnasium	61,857	18,794	12,566	13,468	106,685
Dover Street Bath	102,119	12,127	19,785	15,117	149,148
L Street Bath	371,653	125,650	45,335	94,310	636,948
North Bennet Street Bath	71,239	21,832	28,361	14,078	135,510
Ward 4 Gymnasium	56,755	34,925	9,025	10,775	111,480
Ward 5 Gymnasium	80,850	22,287	7,820	6,197	117,154
Ward 6 Gymnasium	26,284	11,083	4,133	4,384	45,884
Ward 12 Municipal Building	54,413	38,240	15,272	14,316	122,241
Ward 10 Municipal Building	90,595	16,875	50,703	23,515	181,688
Ward 17 Gymnasium	45,369	29,711	13,160	11,914	100,154
	1,081,349	414,547	242,470	234,691	1,973,057

Gymnasia — Class and Individual Attendance, 1916–17.

	Individuals.	Men.	Schoolboys..	Working Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Mothers.	Total.
Cabot Street Gymnasium	11,689	4,673	9,749	3,804	1,828	5,339	.....	37,082
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	4,245	3,300	7,055	4,380	4,750	4,895	2,615	31,240
D Street Gymnasium	4,412	2,430	9,702	3,652	861	4,102	.....	25,159
East Boston Gymnasium	1,929	3,714	7,027	2,911	1,402	4,726	.....	21,709
North Bennet Street Gymnasium,	4,094	2,373	7,735	1,863	1,163	2,627	.....	19,855
Ward 4 Gymnasium	1,417	2,037	5,085	1,552	1,581	4,852	2,119	18,643
Ward 5 Gymnasium	2,398	2,395	8,349	1,285	1,229	3,370	.....	19,026
Ward 6 Gymnasium	1,509	1,891	5,844	1,140	190	1,973	29	12,576
Ward 12 Gymnasium	4,218	3,581	8,887	2,149	3,366	8,016	1,600	31,817
Ward 17 Gymnasium	3,225	7,726	15,082	6,051	6,625	11,593	6,516	56,818
	39,136	34,120	84,515	28,787	22,995	51,943	12,879	273,925

Skating and Toboggan Attendance, 1916–17.

	Days.	Total Attendance.	Average Attendance.
Billings Field	24	7,418	309
Columbus Avenue Playground	17	9,535	561
Charlestown Playground	25	13,575	543
Commonwealth Park	34	5,875	173
Cottage Street, East Boston	23	11,575	503
First Street Playground	25	19,285	771
Franklin Field	26	115,300	4,434
Forest Hills	26	3,402	131
Gibson Playground	26	17,470	672
Marcella Street Playground	18	10,510	583
Mystic Playground	30	6,052	201
Neponset Playground	25	7,583	303
North Brighton Playground	30	29,750	992
Norfolk Street Playground	22	39,715	1,805
Orient Heights Playground	26	2,650	102
Randolph Street Playground	30	9,942	331
Strandway	26	58,950	2,267
Savin Hill Playground	26	19,560	752
Smith's Pond, Hyde Park	20	4,550	228
William Eustis Playground	25	16,222	649
Wood Island Park	26	34,900	1,342
Totals	530	443,819	17,652
Tobogganing, Franklin Park	25	34,300	1,372

Total Annual Attendance, 1916–17.

Ashmont Playground	55,546
Billings Field	47,903
Columbus Avenue Playground	105,652
Cottage Street Playground	138,878
Charlestown Playground	186,289
Charlesbank, men's gymnasium	114,942
Charlesbank, women's gymnasium	86,619
Commonwealth Park	82,660
Dorchester Park	32,734
Forest Hills Playground	111,055
Franklin Field	248,682
First Street Playground	196,420
Gibson Street Playground	172,235
John Winthrop Playground	52,600
Marcella Street Playground	263,953
Mystic Playground	43,921
Norfolk Street Playground	142,011
Neponset Playground	114,275
North Brighton Playground	177,800
Orient Heights Playground	50,800
Roslindale Playground	99,315
Randolph Street Playground	101,495
Rutherford Avenue Playground, Charlestown	10,746
Ripley Playground	20,179
Strandway	257,158
Savin Hill Playground	68,380
William Eustis Playground	259,370
West Fifth Street Playground	84,322
West Third Street Playground	42,009
Wood Island Park	249,082
Smith's Pond, Hyde Park	4,550
Total	3,621,581
Franklin Park, golf	24,540
	3,646,121

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